



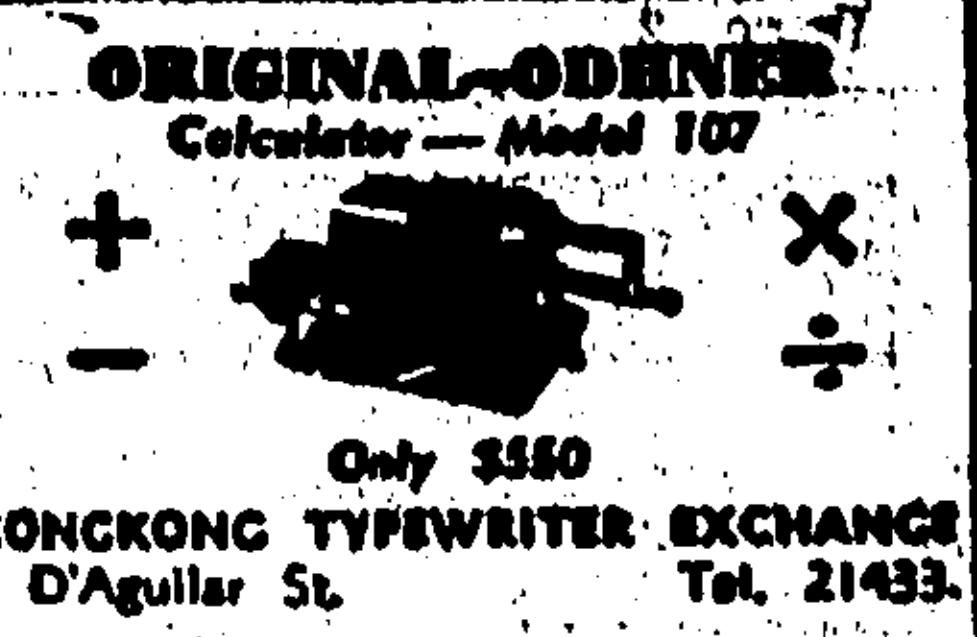
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Dilemma

FOR the French Government, there appeared an interesting, and we presume not unwelcome paragraph in Mr Eisenhower's State of the Union message. He said: "I shall ask the Congress to authorise continued material assistance to hasten the successful conclusion of the struggle in Indo-China. This assistance will also bring closer the day when the Associated States may enjoy the independence already assured by France." This assurance came nine days after Secretary of State Dulles had warned Peking that a consequence of Chinese intervention in Indo-China would be a direct assault on the China mainland, and two days after Premier Laniel had told the French National Assembly that while France desired to see an end to hostilities in Indo-China the struggle would be maintained until peace could be assured. This firmness of attitude which comes from both Washington and Paris is probably not lost on the Chinese Communists — an attitude which was stated when the Korean armistice was signed. At the time it was feared that the weight of the Communist offensive would be transferred to Indo-China. Nevertheless organised Chinese intervention has not materialised.

WHAT cannot be ignored is the possibility of the Indo-China war lasting indefinitely, unless it is ended by negotiations, like the Korean conflict. Given time, it is conceivable that the French Union forces could bring Indo-China under control. But it has to be remembered that popular opinion in France is that too much time, money and lives have already been spent in the struggle. No Government could afford to despise or reject the promise of continued American aid aimed at bringing the Indo-China war to a successful conclusion. Nevertheless, it remains true that the desire for a negotiated armistice is strong throughout France. Compromise, however, involves political complications and difficulties. France is committed to ensure that the Associated States obtain true independence, and it is hard to see how this can be guaranteed through a negotiated peace with the Vietnamese while they are still militarily strong. There is no lack of sympathy for France in her dilemma.

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US Not To Reduce Ground Forces In Europe

NEW PLAN EXPLAINED

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States does not at present intend to cut its ground forces in Europe under President Eisenhower's new plans for a "readily deployable strategic reserve," Mr Charles Wilson, American Secretary of Defence, announced in Washington today.

Asked at a press conference if the President was thinking of one specific area for the location of a reserve for the whole world or several centrally-placed reserves in different areas, Mr Wilson replied: "We are thinking more of the United States as a proper location for our strategic reserve."

Mr Wilson was clarifying President Eisenhower's statement yesterday that United States defence planning was based on a "centrally-placed, readily deployable" strategic reserve.

He defined the reserve as a force "in a place where you can move it rapidly — both as far as the air force, navy and army are concerned — and more reliance on air power."

Boy "Bride" Vows To Marry Fiancee

Sainte Gemme, France, Jan. 8.

Lucie Blanchet, the farmer's daughter, who disappeared on the eve of her wedding that she "was medically a boy," vowed today to marry her farmer fiancee anyway.

"If necessary, I will go to Paris to remain a girl — or to become one," she told her family.

Rough Weather In Europe

London, Jan. 8. Snow storms and freezing temperatures swept across Europe today, sending the death toll upward in the winter's roughest spell of weather.

However, Northwest winds across the North Sea slackened and disaster crews along the tide-threatened coastal areas relaxed. The cold, snow, sleet and high winds have caused 50 deaths in Western Europe in the past several days and the toll was expected to increase. Countries behind the Iron Curtain also were hit by the severe weather.

Hungary was reported in the grip of an influenza epidemic. Trains on the Continent were still tied up by the storms and long-distance bus services were cancelled. However, traffic in the major cities was returning to normal. —United Press.

Mouse-Swallowing Summoned

The Hague, Jan. 8. A man who recently swallowed a live mouse for a bet has been summoned by the police.

The man, a worker from Nijmegen, has been charged with cruelty to animals. —France-Press.

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"Guerilla" Strikes To Start Next Week

London, Jan. 8. Leaders of Britain's Communist-dominated Electrical Trades Union, decided tonight to go on with their plan to stage a series of "guerilla" strikes — stoppages in key industries — next week, culminating with a one-day general strike on January 18.

This was their reply to the employers' threat yesterday that every worker who took part in the strikes would find no work available for him the following day.

Mr Frank Foulkes, President of the ETU, told a news conference tonight that the threat by the employers was a "challenge which will be met with the full resources of this Union."

He added: "We are fully mobilised and at war stations." The cause of the dispute between the Union, which has 203,000 members, and the employers is a claim for more pay for 40,000 workers. The Union had asked for three pence an hour more. The 3,000 firms employing the 40,000 offered half that amount but it was turned down by the Union. —Reuter.

Amintore Fanfani May Become Italy's Next Premier

Rome, Jan. 8. Amintore Fanfani, 45, Christian Democrat left-wing member, tonight emerged as likely first choice for the Italian Premiership.

Former Premier Alcide De Gasperi and other leaders of the Christian Democrat Party were understood to have proposed his name today to the President of the Republic.

President Luigi Einaudi was due to complete by Saturday in Parliament and accept Fanfani's premiership. But Monarchist leaders were still tonight urging that Premier Giuseppe Pella, whose government they had supported throughout its five months life, be reinstated.

President Einaudi was due to end his consultations tomorrow. It was expected that he would pick the premier-designate on Monday. —Reuter.

SETTLES FOR \$5½ MILLION

New York, Jan. 8. Mrs Barbara Sears Rockefeller today accepted an offer of US\$5,500,000 from her husband, Mr Winthrop Rockefeller, in return for her consent to a divorce.

Her lawyers announced that

Signor Fanfani is a member of the Directorate. It was assumed that he had accepted the policy. It was:

1. "Continuation and completion of reforms and social measures already started or decided upon" such as land reform, other public works projects to absorb some of the 2,000,000 unemployed, heavy government investments in the poverty-stricken south and reform of the tax system.

2. "A policy work and production to be undertaken with maximum energy and with rapid and efficient measures.

3. "Firm defence of the authority and prestige of the Republic to guarantee freedom and consolidate Democratic institutions" and

4. "Firm protection of Italy's interests within the framework of the Atlantic alliance and European co-operation, in harmony with the efforts being made to seek and guarantee peace."

It was believed that most Christian Democrat leaders hoped that the strongly right-wing Monarchist Party would agree to support this programme.

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

A "Soft Explosive Watch" Is Mystical Painter's Latest Work

Salvador Dali, self-styled "nuclear mystical" painter left for the United States with his latest work "a soft explosive watch" which represents a watch exploding into 88 different parts.

More than 20 years ago Dali created a sensation in New York with his painting "soft watches" showing a whole series of watches dangling down from a tree branch.

"It is the same theme I took up again now but this time my soft watch will be explosive so that it is adapted to our present age," he told the United Press.

Something Like A Meal!

Miami Beach, Fla.
Next time the wife objects to your reading the newspaper at breakfast, tell her the sight of a pretty woman destroys the appetite for good food.

She'll probably be so puzzled trying to figure out if that's a compliment that you can finish the sports section.

A GENUINE ANTIQUE CAR

Vancouver, Neil Brady-Browne claimed he has the only "true Canadian" car. It began its long career 8 years ago and now is worth between \$5,000 and \$6,000 as an antique. Brady-Browne is the proud owner of a pantin' and huffin' brooks steamer.

The lumbering steam-powered auto has to have its boiler warmed up by a built-in blow torch when the weather gets fit. Hips and parts are almost as rare as hen's teeth.

Neil, a mechanically minded young man, came by the old Brooks in an expensive way. He happened upon it while passing through the Fraser Valley town of Abbotsford. For the love of seeing the old relic in running condition again, Neil bought it from its owner and has been restoring it ever since. The purchase price was \$1,000.

According to all that Neil can find out about the car's history, it was built in either Walkerville or Stratford, Ontario in 1925.

Original price probably was \$4,000 and the engine alone was quoted at \$400. It had full electrical equipment and came from the factory complete with moiré seats.

The young stationary engineer said his car can do all of 30 miles per hour and runs about 15 miles to the gallon of gas.—United Press.

Interesting Court Ruling

Vienna. A Vienna court of appeals has ruled that a prostitute can be convicted of "interference in a marriage" if she knows her customer is a married man.

The ruling stemmed from a case in which a housewife filed a complaint against a prostitute for "interfering" in her marriage.

The prostitute told the judge she "could hardly be expected" to ask her customers whether or not they were married. The judge agreed and acquitted her, but the wife appealed the case and won.

The appeals court said it had been established that the customer was married. And that the prostitute therefore should have refused him. The prostitute received a sentence of three weeks in gaol, but the court suspended it. —United Press.

Woman Acts As "Kiss-Killer"

Liverpool. Furness Spenser, blonde and 24, is the "Kiss Killer" at one of Liverpool's dance halls. "If I see anyone kissing or dancing too close, I tap them on the shoulder and say, 'Please... go away now, that's the only place I can work,' " she explained. "A man couldn't do the job half as well," she said. "There's no room for United Press.

To Pay More For Haircuts

London. Britain's National Hairdressers' Federation has decided to raise the standard price of haircuts in this country three pence to an average one shilling and sixpence.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"One minute Mom tells us to be neat and feminine—then she gives us some dirty drudgery like cleaning our rooms!"

Jetplanes Upset Homing Pigeons

Hof, Germany. Here's a sad fact of this age of super-sonic jet flight:

The noise of jetplanes throws the "radar" equipment which enables homing pigeons to fly back to their home roost completely out of gear.

This was disclosed by the North Bavarian Pigeon Breeders' Association.

Last summer they sent 1,000 of their best-trained pigeons to England and North Germany for a race back to their home bases.

Not one returned.

At first the pigeon fanciers suspected some sort of Soviet trickery, since the Iron Curtain frontier is only a few miles from here. Extensive investigation was made.

Finally a few of the pigeons began turning up—far off course and completely confused.

Today the Pigeon Breeders' Association said it has been established the United States Air Force was to blame.

"The birds flew into a manoeuvre area," the Association said.

"Their sense of orientation and direction was completely upset by roaring jet fighters, and artificial fog screens."

Other pigeon breeders are returning the lost birds, by ignominious express mail, to their owners whose names and addresses are attached by bands to the pigeons' legs.

So far half the missing birds have been sent home. The other 600 presumably still are wandering around Europe, still lost and still confused.—United Press.

Sportsmanlike Speeding Driver

El Paso, Texas. A highway patrolman today thanked the driver of a jazzed-up car for being a "sportsman" and stopping to get a ticket for speeding.

Bill Moore, a Texas highway patrolman, said he clocked racing driver Royal Russell, 24, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 93 miles per hour over a 65-mile-an-hour highway zone.

"The only reason he was caught was because he was sportsman enough to stop when he saw the patrol car blinker lights," Moore said.

Russell, who said his car would do 120 miles per hour, paid a \$25 fine for speeding.—United Press.

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NO PEPPER FOR PRISONERS

Toronto. Prisoners don't get pepper with their meals, a legislative committee on reform institutions learned for fear they'll use it on their guards as well as on their meals.

W. J. Stewart, PC, Toronto-Parkdale, reported after the committee toured gaols in Lindsay and Peterborough that prisoners complained about the lack of seasoning with their meals and said they were not permitted to have salt and pepper shakers in their cells.

Deputy Reforms Minister Hedley Barker explained that experience has shown the pepper is sometimes thrown in the eyes of guards.

"We have to be cautious about handling pepper in the gaols," Barker said. "Only yesterday we found some in the cell of a long-term prisoner at the Don."

"There is no doubt it was there for some purpose other than flavouring food."

Barker told the committee the Lindsay gaol governor, who has been there 31 years, gets a salary of \$2,240 and his wife, who holds a 24-hour job as matron, gets \$600 a year. The Governor also gets a free house with fuel, light and heat supplied.

The Peterborough Governor is paid \$3,040 plus quarters, he said. He added the discrepancy in wages was result of different contributions by county councils.—United Press.

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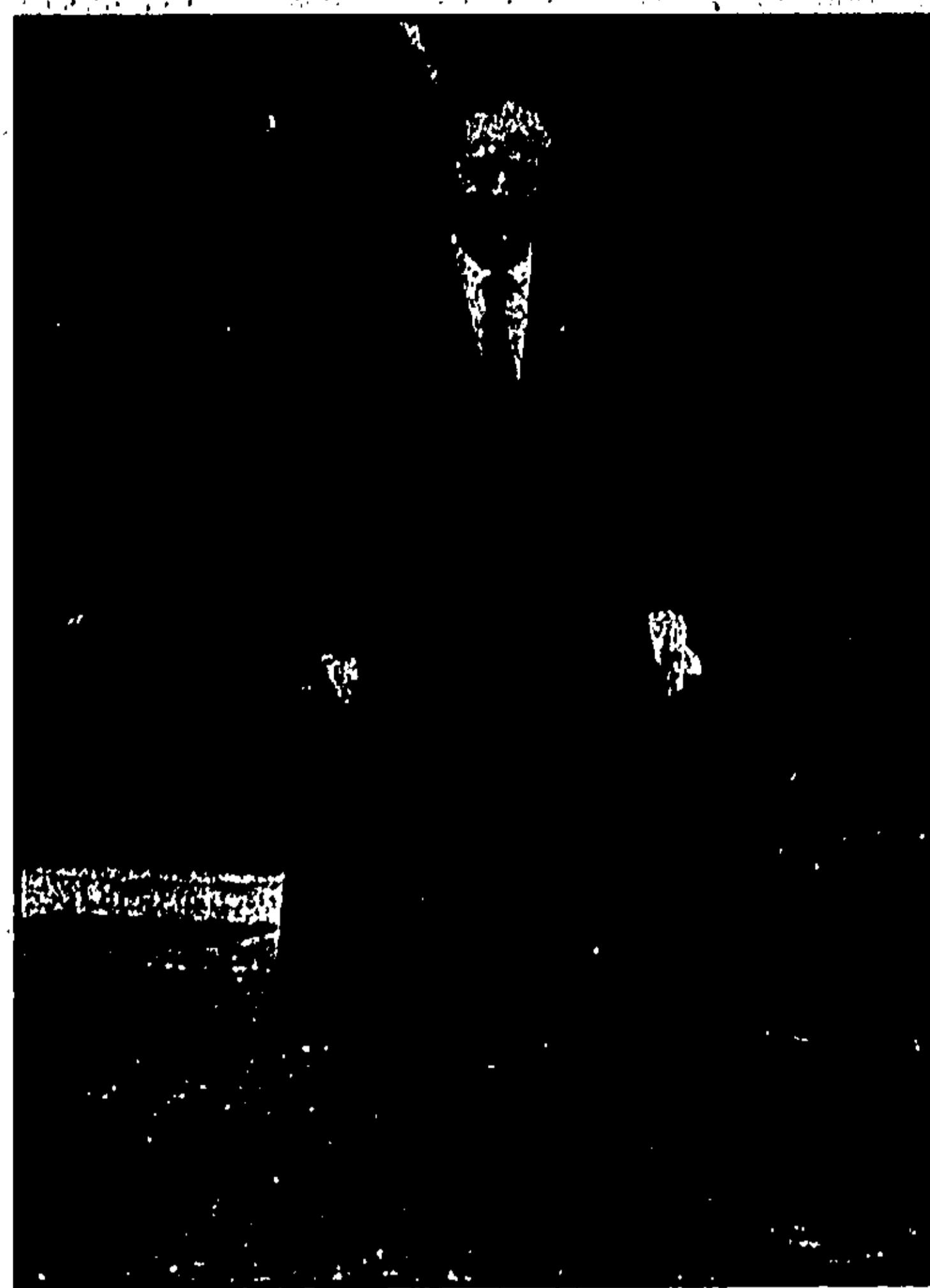
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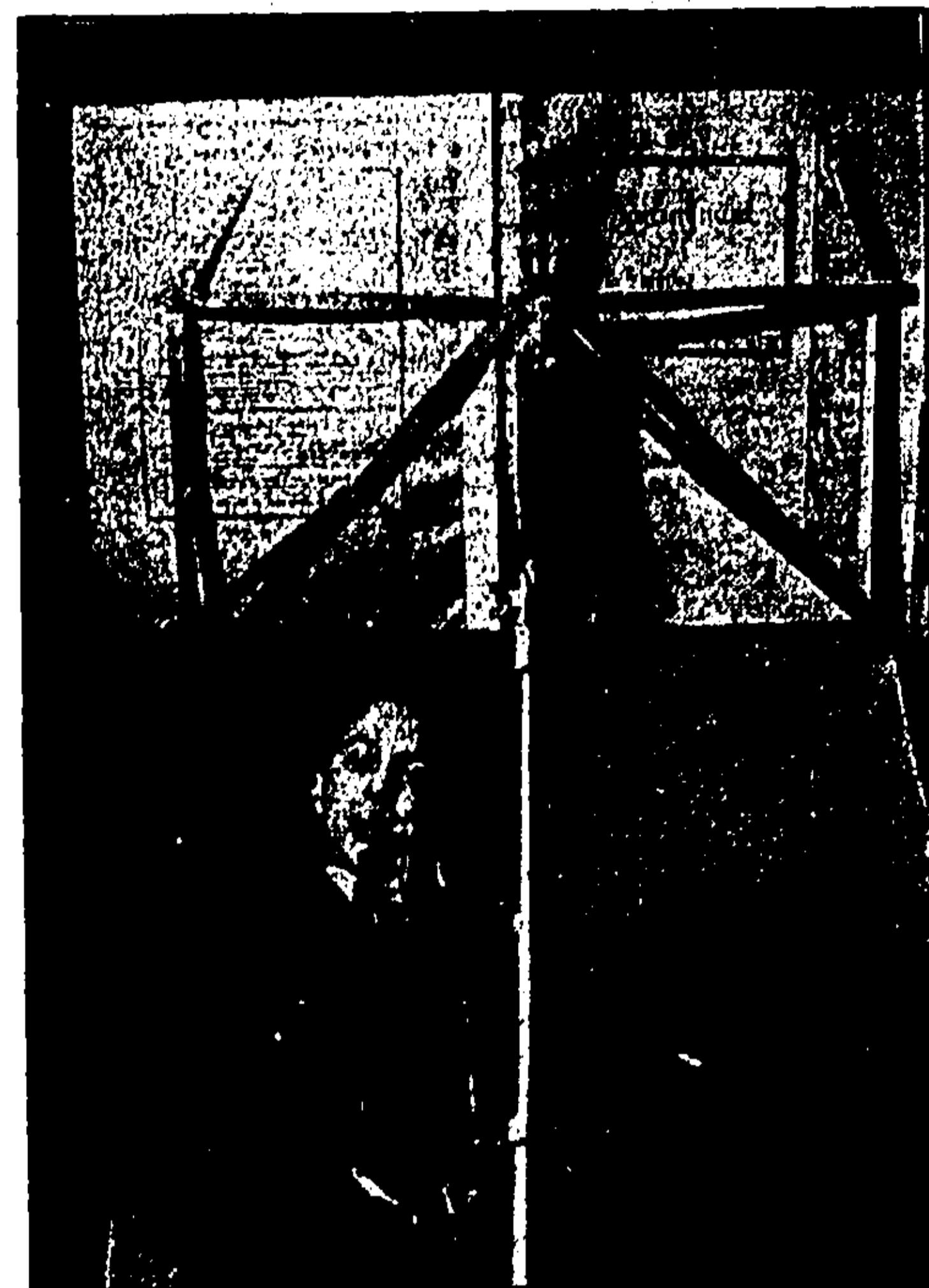
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• HOMESIDE PICTORIAL •



SIMON ELWES, 61, whose portraits of the Queen and Princess Margaret have made him the most discussed painter of the day. He is pictured leaving the Church of Our Lady, Lissengrove, London, on Christmas Day, after a six weeks' rest following overwork. He is to paint the portrait of President Eisenhower in March. (Express)



THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Jenny Jones, of Doncaster, played the trombone in the National Youth Orchestra, and wore his first pair of long trousers for the occasion. Said he before the concert: "I'm a bit nervous, but I'd have been worse in shorts." (Express)



MR. A. C. Griffin, the new Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London, dressed in his watchcoat, lights the lantern before the ceremony of the keys. Mr. Griffin, aged 55, was born in Capetown, and served 27 years in the Royal Corps of Signals. (Central)



LT-GEN. Sir Dudley Ward, Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, took the salute at the eighth passing-out parade of the Women's Royal Army Corps cadets at the School of Instruction, Hindhead. He is seen inspecting the parade. (Army News)



THE Earl of Wharncliffe, 18-year-old peer who succeeded his father to the Wortley estate in May last, relaxes at his home, Carlton House, while on 14 days' leave from the Royal Navy destroyer *Aisne*, in which he is doing his National Service. (Express)



ZENA MARSHALL, pictured above, is a "dream girl" in the new film, "Three Cases of Murder." She appears in a dream sequence with Orson Welles playing the part of Lord Mountarago, and does an energetic rhumba with him. Zena, who is 28, was born in Kenya but was educated in Europe. She escaped from France when the Germans invaded in World War II. (Reuterphoto)



THE new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, William Godfrey, is greeted by Bishop Halsall as he arrives at Lime Street Station, Liverpool. The Archbishop succeeds Archbishop Downey, who died early last year. (Express)



LADY Hartog (left) says goodbye in Indonesian style to Madame Subandrio, wife of the Indonesian Ambassador in London, when she left the reception given to mark the 25th anniversary of the Indonesian Women's Congress. (Express)



FILM star Robert Newton is in England for the first time since 1951. He says he has now become a real family man. The thrice-married Newton is here seen feeding his eight weeks' old son, Kim. (Express)



A benign Mother Nature bedecked the English countryside this last Christmas with Spring flowers instead of frost and snow. This charming picture, more reminiscent of Easter than Christmas, shows 18-year-old Barbara Hall gathering Sol d'ors at St Mary's, in the Scilly Isles.



By Ernie Bushmiller



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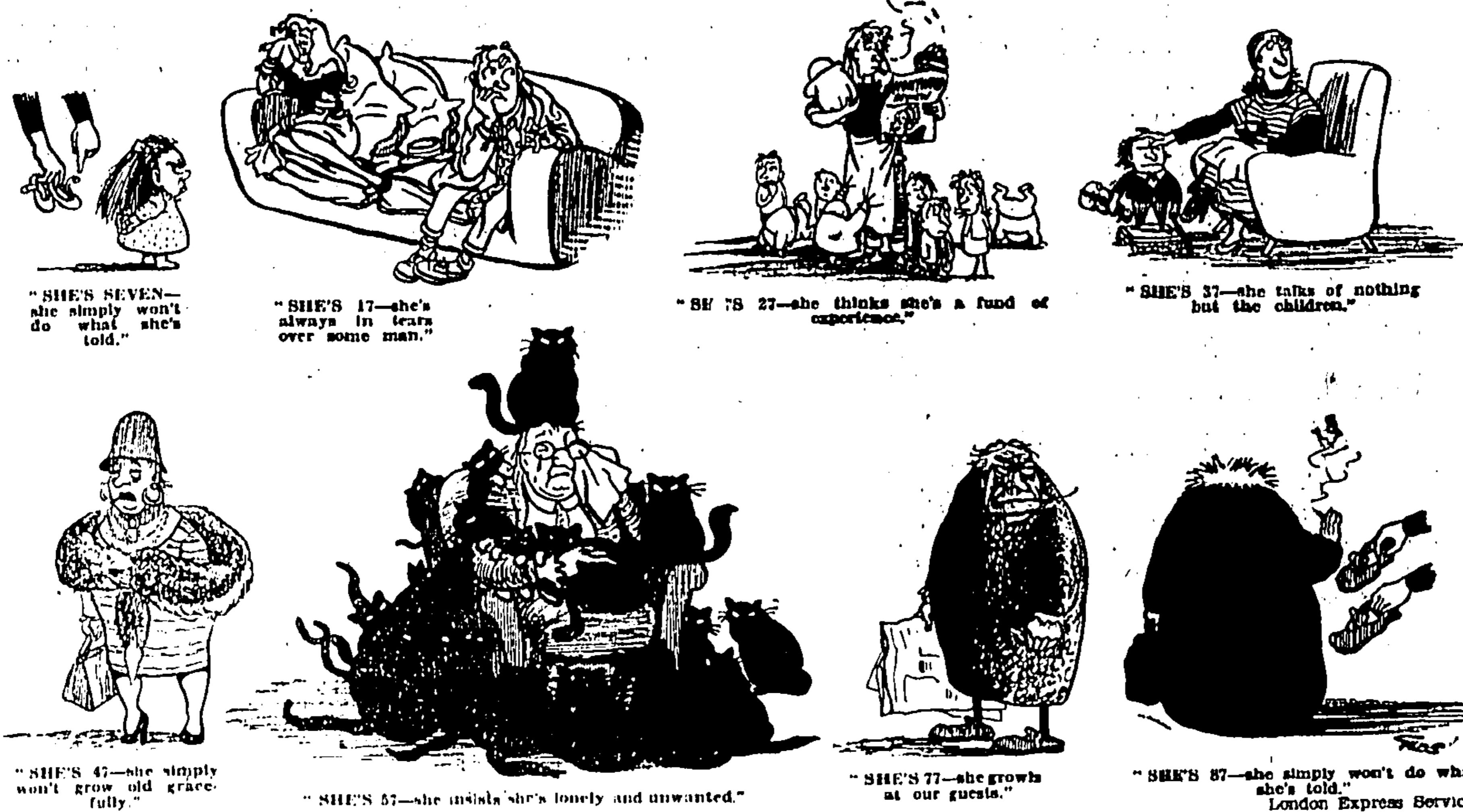
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invited cartoonist
Giles to start off the
year with a comment on
the topic that fascinates every woman:
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Giles has a theory
about it. You're always
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age to your friends.

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analysis of the Eight
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and works through
to 87. And the moral
is that each age is
just as tiresome in a
different way as the
one before.



THE MAN WHO REALLY MAKES THEM MAD . . .



OLIVER LYTTELTON
A streak of fun.

IT was said of an American President that he was the first known case of a bull to take a china shop around with him.

Left-wing professional reformers at Westminster would give much for the copyright of that insult. They would like to hurl it hard across the gangway at the head of Oliver Lyttelton.

Admittedly, the man who answers for Colonial policy makes a provoking target. Look at the last example.

He suspects a Red coup. He forestalls it with a coup of his own. At once his political enemies pounce with charges of dictatorship and bad faith. But his courage earns him support among many who are ever-vigilant against encroachments on liberty.

Then suddenly he dismisses his defenders with an act of high-handedness. He excludes a Communist reporter from the trouble spot. And thereby he invites doubt and suspicion for the motives of the whole operation.

No wonder Mr Lyttelton has no challengers as the Government's most controversial Minister.

Negotiator

Of course, the overriding role of a Colonial Secretary is to initiate and inspire bold schemes of economic development. By that test Lyttelton regrettably falls short.

But throughout the succession of storms that has fallen on him—war in Malaya, the Mau Mau in Kenya, federation in Central Africa, and the Guiana coup—Lyttelton has never wavered. He has shown what can be accomplished by resolution.

There are those who say that some of the storms are of his own making. Certainly, more skill in the turn of a phrase would lighten his burdens.

The federation scheme, for example, could have been launched in a happier atmosphere had he treated the deputation of Nyasaland chiefs less, as they thought, "brusquely."

But it would be a false picture of the man to paint him as consistently heavy-handed. On the contrary, his skill in negotiation has earned him what is often the truest measure of a man—admiration in unexpected quarters.

Of his African federation scheme a prominent and plain-spoken trade unionist privately declared: "I've known Oliver Lyttelton a long time, and if he says it's all right for the beggars then it's all right for them."

No less surprising testimony was given recently at a London meeting by the Nigerian Leader, Dr. Azikiwe.

He contrasted the Colonial Secretary's helpfulness with the

obstruction of a Socialist predecessor, Mr Arthur Crook Jones.

And he added: "I came here with prejudice against this old Tory." Now I pay him tribute.

Lyttelton's policies are attacked by turns as weak, tough, hasty, belated. He is depicted variously as frivolous, ponderous, blunt, evasive. His foes pronounce him an ogre, his friends a charmer.

The truth about him is that he is a man of contradictions about whom surprisingly little is known by the public. Choose your fragments and you can build for him whatever character suits your purpose.

As every good Socialist knows, Oliver Lyttelton's career was made in Big Business. When immediately in the trenches.

by Harry Fieldhouse

Churchill lured him into politics in 1940. He came straight from the City to the Treasury Bench (as President of the Board of Trade).

And when the Socialists came to power he went straight back to the City. He tumbled into the chairmanship of the biggest electrical engineering combine in Europe, Associated Electrical Industries—known to the public through such names as Edison Swan, British Thomson-Houston, Metropolitan Vickers.

What many good Socialists do not know is that Lyttelton's City career was a striking departure from tradition. For he comes from a family of bishops, headmasters, and politicians.

After father

His father was in the political stream. He held office as a Liberal Unionist in Balfour's Tory Government. And he held the very portfolio now in the keeping of his son—Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Oliver's uncle, Dr Edward Lyttelton, was in the scholastic stream. He was headmaster of Eton in the early 1900's—and among his pupils was his nephew.

The ecclesiastical stream had a representative in another uncle, Arthur Temple Lyttelton, Bishop of Southwark in late Victorian times.

Oliver Lyttelton broke with all this. At Cambridge he studied law, taking first-class honours. But when he launched into a career he went into merchant banking with Brown, Shipley. He stayed only long enough to gain a business grounding. Then he moved to the new British Metal Corporation, at that time expanding rapidly.

This firm, with official encouragement, got away to a fast start. In the years after World War I, capturing business with Allied countries anxious to escape dependence on German sources for metals like tin, zinc, and copper.

The bare outline of his career thus supplies material for depicting Lyttelton as a son of privilege, a ruthless money-maker, or a soldier in civics.

But there is a fourth character. It is the intellectual Lyttelton, patron of the arts.

For he sustains a keen interest in French literature and British opera. In a literary review a couple of years ago he wrote on de Vigny, the French poet. He is president of the British Opera Group and is believed to have been a backer of Benjamin Britten.

The serious Lyttelton, an intellectual turned to finance, is probably the real Lyttelton.

When he astounded the London School of Economics by denouncing economic planning as a "great big bit of boloney" it was

Lyttelton showed such a not, as many supposed, a blunt business man's verdict. It was an intellectual conclusion.

But there is a streak of fun in Lyttelton. So he likes to puzzle visitors.

To the highest, he will amuse himself by doggedly talking cricket.

To the earnest political observer he will act the plain man of business.

Lyttelton, by the way, is pretty good at conveying these impressions. He is an excellent mimic. He does a lively imitation of Lord Wool-

ton. He also takes off from family hearsey, his great-uncle Gladstone, whose oratory was marked by a Liverpool accent.

His distinguished family re-

lations were continued by his marriage. His wife was Lady Molra Godolphin Osborne, a daughter of the 10th Duke of Leeds. They have two sons (a third was killed in action) and a daughter.

Golf provides his main exercise (he was a blue at Cambridge). He also goes shooting.

From time to time Lyttelton

is rumoured to be about to re-

turn to the City. When the

Tories were in Opposition the

rumour was that Lyttelton had

decided never to leave the City.

He did it backwards.

He also holds the world's

record for non-stop golfing.

He completed 12 rounds in one day

in 948 shots—an average of

79. He wore a steel helmet. The Germans were shelling the

coast.

Moreover, while scores of

children skipped to his tune, he

hopped through Crowborough,

Sussex, singing "Charlie boy is

slightly mad, Charlie boy is

crazy; Charlie boy is hopping

mad, that's poor Charlie

Mickey."

Nor does this exhaust the list

of his accomplishments.

Once he walked 16 miles from

Crowborough to Lewes prison.

He notes modestly that they

should have kept him there.

"Our is Mad Charlie Mickey,"

Both rumours, it is safe to say, have the same source—Oliver Lyttelton. And both are equally untenable.

Indecision

The fact is that the financial attractions of the City, where his salary as boss of A.E.I. was reckoned to be £12,500 a year plus a house and a car, make return a standing temptation.

But politics too have attractions. And those who contend that Lyttelton remains only to oblige Churchill forget that he is also devoted to Anthony Eden. So there is little reason to expect that a change of leadership would set a term to his parliamentary sojourn.

The truth is that Lyttelton cannot make up his mind between politics and business. The best bet is that this indecision will continue.

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Audrey Hepburn: The Golden Girl Of Stage And Screen

By LOGAN GOURLAY

THE dignified Baron Aeroud van Heemstra summoned his daughter Ellen to the library of the fine old country house in Holland to administer some parental advice.

It included the following: "Whatever you do, don't associate with the stage or with actors and actresses. You'd bring disgrace on the family."

The baron, ex-Governor of the Dutch colony of Surinam and a well-known figure at the court of Queen Wilhelmina, reminded his daughter Ellen that their ancestors had occupied positions of honour among statesmen and soldiers since the 12th century.

More than 30 years have passed since that interview in the library. Today, daughter Ellen, the grey-haired Baroness van Heemstra, has this to say:

"I tried to obey my father, but I grew up wanting more than anything else to be English, slim, and an actress."

She has partly succeeded. She has made her home in England since 1948, and she speaks English perfectly. She has, too, a slim, unmatronly figure.

She has never become an actress—but she is the mother of Audrey Hepburn, newest Golden Girl of stage and screen.

She has become partly angloised, she has retained a full measure of family pride—and she does not try to conceal that. The Baroness Ellen van Heemstra will never be known simply as the mother of Audrey Hepburn—which is as it should be. But she will be there at every stage to offer counsel and encouragement when required and requested.

Natural

THE baroness was given early signs that her daughter was destined to be some kind of performer.

"I remember," she told me, "when Audrey was only three I took her to an afternoon band concert when we were visiting Folkestone. She disappeared from my side. I found her on the other side of the bandstand, dancing up and down in time to the music, with a small audience collected round her."

"But she did that kind of thing without any prompting, from me or other adults. It was spontaneous and natural, so she didn't appear to be one of these awful little prodigies."

Among Audrey's childhood audiences were her two older half-brothers, with whom she was brought up.

They are now settled in the Dutch East Indies, in touch with their famous sister only by correspondence.

She was the only child of her mother's second marriage, which ended in separation and divorce before Audrey was ten.

Tough life

HER father, J. A. Hepburn-Ruston, was an English businessman. Audrey herself remembers little about him, of course, in other candidates, and they added: "Is French actress Colette Ropert practical possibility?"

Her mother said last week: "I don't know where he is now. We haven't been in touch for years."

She has taken the father's as well as the mother's role in the development of Audrey, and they have seldom been separated for more than a few months. But because, unlike the clutching trade union of stage mothers, she has not tried to monopolise her daughter completely, she has kept her affection and respect.

Life was tough and earnest for them when they came to London in 1948 after the bitter war years in Holland.

God-given'

SHE could be forgiven for exhibiting fierce pride in a daughter who, within three years, has leaped from obscurity in the chorus to international stardom.

But she told me last week: "I can really take no credit for any talent Audrey may have. If it's real talent, it's God-given. I might as well be proud of a blue sky, or the paintings in the Flemish exhibition at the Royal Academy."

It is, I must comment, a remark of unnatural objectivity. But it can be explained.

The baroness is an intelligent, sensitive woman, afraid of committing the worst excesses of the stage mother. To avoid them, she rushes to the other extreme, hiding her maternal pride.

But not entirely. It is significant that there are more pictures of Audrey in their London flat than of Flemish masters. In fact, pictures of Audrey at every stage of her career dominate the decor.

However, it is also significant that the name plate on the red door of the flat, which is a permanent base for Audrey and her mother, displays the name Hepburn below Heemstra.

For even if the baroness has failed to obey her father's

command to "behave like a lady,"

she has been appearing in Cecil Londen's West End revue *Saucy Piquante*.

Robert Lennard, casting director of Associated British Picture Corporation, had noticed her in

the chorus of *Saucy Piquante*.

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SHE ELOPED WITH A PRINCE!

THE Mountbatten line began with a romance at the Court of the Tsar of all the Russians. The young Prince Alexander of Hesse had entered the service of the Russian Army and was appointed by Tsar Nicholas I colonel in the Household Cavalry. This dashing cavalry officer became a great favourite at the Russian Court. But in 1861 he eloped with a beautiful young ward of the Empress and was cashiered. His bride was the Countess Julia Theresa von Hauke.

Prince Alexander was by then in command of the Household Cavalry, and his elopement with this young beauty, not of royal birth, caused a sensation. They fled to Breslau, where he married, and the Emperor Nicholas, furious, stripped him of his command and rank.

But Prince Alexander's family connections were there to help him. He was also related to the Empress of Austria, and the white-coated army of the sprawling monarchy could make good use of an experienced cavalry commander. With the Russian rank of major-general he was appointed to command an infantry brigade at Olmutz; there, on May 24, 1861, his eldest son, Louis, was born.

An old title

In 1855 his brother-in-law had become Tsar Alexander II and, probably at the gentle instigation of the Empress, restored Alexander to his rank and rights in Russia.

With his military career in the ascendant, and his reputation re-established, his brother—since 1848 Grand Duke Louis III of Hesse—left that same gesture was due from his own family.

By his morganatic marriage to a lady of inferior rank, Prince Alexander's children, by the rules of the Hesse dynasty, were debarred from bearing any Royal title.

However, the Grand Duke resuscitated for his sister-in-law the old title of Princess of Battenberg.

Her children and descendants became Princes and Princesses of the House of Battenberg.

The eldest son, therefore, became Prince Louis of Battenberg.

In 1910 at the height of the war against Germany the family name was changed to Mountbatten.

Now British

By the time Prince Louis was fourteen—in 1888—he had developed a desire to go to sea.

The decisive influence seems to have been Queen Victoria's son, Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, a handsome post-captain of twenty-four, who was attending a course at Bonn University.

First the objections of Prince Louis' mother had to be over-

THE FABULOUS MOUNTBATTENS

ruled, and then those of Prince Alexander, who felt that if his son was going to become a naval officer it should be in the Austrian Navy. However, young Louis was set on joining the largest and most powerful navy the world had ever seen, and at the end his British relatives had their way.

An English crammer was engaged, employed, and on September 25, 1888, father, son and wife set off for England.

On October 14 he was taken to the navy's patty and became a British subject, swearing allegiance to Queen Victoria, whom his family barely recognised.

Silent Queen

Accompanied with open arms at Sandringham by the Prince and Princess of Wales, Louis returned with them to London, where he saw the newly-married Edinburgh couple. He was also invited down to Osborne, where, at a family dinner, he sat between Queen Victoria and her youngest daughter Beatrice, who, to his discomfiture, never addressed a word to him.

Her interest in him was not to be quickened until nearly ten years later.

By then he had married Victoria, a favourite granddaughter of the great Queen whose name she bore.

It was to be an ideally happy marriage, and his wife—later to be known as the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven—died as a very old lady in 1950, one of the last-died living links between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

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By ELISABETH HUNKIN

IT would be an exaggeration to say that women's fashions have become the talk of the day in Moscow, but with the new drive to please the Soviet consumer they are receiving a remarkable degree of official attention.

In the old days, one was barely aware that Soviet fashion magazines existed; now, they have come into the open and are exposed to searching criticisms.

For even fashion, it seems, has its ideological side. A recent article in the Soviet youth paper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, hinted that with greater care it could become another field in which Soviet culture could demonstrate its superiority over the West.

The author of the article, however, an artist himself and a Stalin prize winner, admitted sadly that he could not find a good word to say for Soviet magazines and that Soviet women were "slaves" to foreign ones. Artists working for the Soviet journals did not combat "petty bourgeois vulgarity" but often spread it themselves. Some of the drawings showed great ignorance of anatomy, and as for the photographs, they were "extremely unattractive and inexpressive, depicting dreary, primitively finished garments."

One can gather something of the dreariness from a skit in the Soviet humorous journal, Krokodil, published at the end of August 1953. Under the heading "Krokodil's Fashion House" there were drawings of six garments produced by various clothing factories, with a commentary on each.

Two models

Number one was described as "a poplin blouse of dirty lilac colour—an exemplary uniform for a scarecrow in the kitchen garden." Model number two was a woman's winter coat, the buttons of which, said Krokodil, "in elegance and size, recall the noble outlines of a barn pail-lock."

Of the next model the journal said: "This is a severe style without unnecessary ornamentation or tailoring devices. In this coat the lady will look like a retired guardsman."

Another garment in Krokodil's list "does away with the old-fashioned division of clothes into male and female. Even the most experienced saleswomen are unable to determine which sex is supposed to wear this inimitable article."

Soviet fashion designers are not entirely to blame, however. In a recent issue of the organ of the Ministry of Culture, Sovetskaya Kultura, an article by one of them, Okuneva, revealed that they work under difficulties. They design clothes but have no say in the making of them; if the factory likes to make alterations, they cannot interfere. Altogether, their opinion counts for little.

Horified

Okuneva described a scene in the Artistic Council of the Soviet House of Fashion, the Dom Model. When an elegant satin dress, sewn with sequins, was greeted with exclamations of approval, a representative of the trade organisation declared that consumers demanded "pockets in such dresses." The designers were horrified, for the model was a party dress to be worn with beads, brooch, or artificial flowers. What was the point of pockets, the inevitable features of working clothes?

The designers' protests were in vain, although Okuneva argued, the requirements of the consumer ought not to be decided simply on the basis of statements by trade representatives. The designers should have the final say, since it was their task "to educate the taste of Soviet people, to support all that is best and to sweep away all that is backward and alien to our culture."

Another handicap under which Soviet fashion exports work, apparently, is the limited range of materials. The styles they design have to be made up in whatever material is available. Thus a winter model may have to be made out of summer dress material.

One way and another, the quest for elegance in the Soviet Union is not an easy one, and it is scarcely surprising if women and designers are still "slaves" to foreign styles and trends.

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NEW YORK.
I HAVE just come from a city that has conquered smog—and conquered is not too strong a word to use for the St Louis success story.

For St Louis (pronounced Lewis), on the Missouri bank of the mighty Mississippi, once had a smog problem as bad as, if not worse than, London's own.

DONALD LUDLOW reports on the defeat of a menace

Two days before, the St Louis newspapers had been ranking the civic authorities.

Raymond Roche Tucker, the young engineering professor who had taken on the job of smoke commissioner that nobody else would touch—"It's impossible" was the view—was under fire.

He was being called "Tucker the Tinker." Black Tuesday not only inflamed St Louis lungs, it inflamed its temper.

The Post-Dispatch detailed veteran newsmen Samuel Shelton to get an answer to smog.

It pounded the Administration. And then, surprisingly, Shelton was back within a fortnight with the answer—an answer that Tucker the Tinker had done as much as anybody to provide.

The spur

BUT it needed the spur of angry public opinion and the powerful championship of the Post to have any chance of being accepted.

For the answer to smog did not involve any waving of a magic wand by chemists and engineers. It thrust the whole thing back at St Louis people with the most drastic smoke ordinance ever devised.

This is what it laid down: that all burning high-volatile fuel (that cheap and handy coal, containing a lot of sulphur and tar, from across the river) must employ mechanical feeding equipment to burn it smokelessly.

Professor "Tinker" Tucker may be tinker now. Light bills are down a million dollars a year.

Now for St Louis there are no more smoky blues when winter comes.

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

KENNETH HORNE'S

KENNETH HORNE

Age: 46. Profession: Sales director. Outside activities: Broadcasting, TV. Sports: Golf (about once a month). Health: Passed A1 for life insurance (three years ago). Smoking: 20 cigarettes a day and an occasional cigar. Health rating: 21.

exercise he gets in about 12 long as the man who controls rounds of golf in the course of his waistline and his eating. A year. He smokes 20 cigarettes Kenneth Horne should plump a day, and an occasional cigar, where possible for steak, appears on this page, Kenneth tables and salad.

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It is a problem which he appears to be solving satisfactorily at present, without detriment to his health, but how long can he go on taking so much out of himself without risk?

His daily routine, as he told it to the medical board, is not vastly different from that of other top ranking business executives with many outside interests. It adds up to a ninety-hour week.

7 a.m. start

He gets up at 7 a.m. and spends about an hour pottering about in the bathroom, soaking in the luxury of a hot bath. After breakfast—sometimes egg, or sausages and bacon, sometimes only tea and toast—he starts to drive his body and his nervous system more than usual.

It is the regime which he prescribes to enable Kenneth Horne to put up with his work.

This is the regime which the Medical Board takes cognizance of the fact that the question of midday drinking for business executives is a very difficult one.

His digestion, which is now good, will suffer if he will become more breathless, his sleep may be upset, and his whole nervous system more than usual.

But Kenneth Horne would find it difficult to cut out drink altogether. Not because he is a heavy drinker. He is not. He feels, however, it is an essential part of his job to be "socialable" with his business contacts.

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In fine weather, instead of wasting time in the bathroom, he should put on a sweater and shake when he gets up and go for a brisk walk for half an hour, following this with a shower or quick tepid bath. This stimulates, while a lazy, white continuing to lead his very active double life. Let's start in the morning.

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On most week nights, he changes into dinner jacket as soon as he gets home, and goes straight out to an evening function. He looks at his diary, and found that he had had evening engagements for 32 of the last 37 days.

Every Saturday and every Sunday he is at script conferences from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and when "Down You Go" was being televised he went on to 8.30.

He used to play rugger, tennis and squash, but has now given all of them up. The only is unlikely to carry it for an with theirs?

The Chapman Pincher Column

A 'SLIMMING' WAY TO THE STRAIGHT PATH

THE pep pills which women use for slimming are now being given to young criminals to prevent them from becoming old lags.

Doctors have found that the pills alert the brains of some delinquents in such a way that corrective training has more effect on them.

The pills, which contain the drug amphetamine sulphate, seem to increase the delinquents' ability to understand the difference between right and wrong and to learn that crime does not pay.

SLIGHT ABNORMALITY

TESTS made by Dr R. Sessions Hodge and Dr Gray Walter showed that 64 percent of the youth in an approved school near Bristol had slight abnormalities of the brain, as judged by recordings of their "brain waves."

They found that such youths can tolerate excessive doses of the pep drug which would normally protect ordinary people from sleeping at night.

Mr. David Bedford said:

WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

FASHIONS FOR BEACH WEAR: FOUR NEW TRENDS



London. Every year holiday clothes are launched earlier and earlier. I remember when I shopped for my cottons in April and May.

Now January has become a big cotton season, and you'll be wise to do a bit of buying now.

Yes, there will be fresh supplies later, but if we get an early summer, you may get caught out.

Why this pushing back of dates? There are two good reasons.

FIRST, post-war fashion takes a big look at America, where there is an important winter holiday season. From December on, thousands swarm to the sunny Florida resorts.

SECOND, sheer competition within the trade. Manufacturers fight to beat

each other's goods into the shops, and the dates get pushed back a week, a month, two months, and more.

Yes, it's pleasant to see the bright colours, the airy wisps of stuff, among drab dark clothing.

It's all right by me, just so long as they don't push it back too far... and send us scampering to the beaches in clothes which are a year out of date!

This year there will be four new trends. Here are the lines to look for when you're shopping for beach things:-

★ FIRST trend is BULKY WRAPS. The daytime fashion for short, massive wraps is carried over into beach wear. Especially recommended for the windy English beach, where a skimpy stole is not enough! The over-blouse that pulls over your

head is newer than a button-up jacket-like Horrocks belted blouse of striped cotton on the left.

★ Next, watch the trend for CLASSICAL TUNICS. In America, there are swimsuits entirely pleated like short Greek tunics. The multi-coloured cotton tunic here looks straight from some Mediterranean island. It is lined with black towelling, goes over black shorts. By Spectator Sports.

★ Third, the trend for TERRY TOWELLING: for wraps, shorts, or pants. The girl kneeling on the sand wears Spectator's belted over-blouse of black and white striped towelling over tight red denim pants.

★ Fourth, an important trend for STRAW (it started in Italy). A skirt of caramel-coloured straw, surprisingly light in weight, wraps over a white jersey shoulder-bone blouse and shorts embroidered in straw to match. By Rima.

Anne Scott-James

YOU'RE SMART TO BE DIFFERENT

By HELEN FOLLETT

ACCORDING to one beauty specialist, "A woman should not be afraid to be different from the standardised type of today. Some of the most striking women of the stage and screen have achieved distinction because they deviate from type."

Women are bad fashion designers, says an internationally known designer—male. Jacques Fath says the only role a woman should have in fashion is in wearing clothes.

The designer, in New York recently to work on his American collection for spring, contended that women are poor creators because they try to dress every other woman in the type of clothes they themselves like.

"Fashion is art," said the slim, blond Parisian. "Art is creative, and men are the creators. Look at the great painters, the great sculptors, the great writers."

The woman designer sees fashion as she likes it. But a man will see it as hundreds of women like it.

"Take Anne Fogarty (the designer). She uses that one silhouette—the tight waist and full skirt. It looks good on Anne Fogarty."

Fath believes men have better business heads too.

He conceded there are exceptions to his argument—that the Lily Daché and Elsa Schiaparelli have been highly successful.

"But," he added stubbornly, "there'll come a day when all the great designers are men."

United Press.

By IDA JEAN KAIN

IT'S a fascinating fact that middle age can be vigorously young and that, birthdays to the contrary, we do not all age at the same rate. Chronologically of course, the years are the same. But some folks look old when they are scarcely fifty, while others twenty years older stay remarkably young. Obviously middle age is not the same time of life for everybody. It is not inconceivable that in a more enlightened time, seventy will be considered young middle age.

The roll-back of the years is happening right now. Already wonderful, that, a man-made

we have been given approximately twenty extra years. There is definite proof that the onset of the degenerative disorders commonly believed characteristic of aging, are not inevitable. So let's keep pace with science, in our thinking, and cease to look upon the vagus aches and ailments of middle age as evidence of the wearing out of the body machinery, but instead regard them as disorders which can be remedied with improved nutrition and medical science. Our bodies are capable of reaching 100 without wearing out in any vital part. There is abundant living proof of this today.

The roll-back of the years is

Story Of Missing Spoons Debunked

By Ruth Gmeiner

Washington. THE White House says it simply isn't true that there's a shortage of spoons in the famous gold service used at presidential state dinners.

The story circulated a year ago or more that the gold spoons had to be whisked off to the dishwasher after an early course so they could be used again later in the dinner.

The tale persisted despite denials from White House staff members responsible for maintaining the decorum and dignity of service at presidential dinners.

But a brand-new count of the pieces in the fabulous dinnerware seems once and for all to brand the story pure fiction.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower may have 104 guests for dinner and even the man at the foot of the table need not fear he is eating twice with the same knife, fork, or spoon.

There are 1,700 items in the dinner service, including some pieces which have graced presidential banquet tables since the days of President James Monroe.

There's gold place enough to confront every diner with 11 pieces. Actually, no guest ever sees that many pieces at once, but he may before all the many courses are finished.

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A place setting includes: cocktail fork, soup spoon, fish knife, fish fork, dinner knife, dinner fork, salad knife, salad fork, dessert fork, dessert spoon, and demitasse spoon.

And at each place there also is a gold salt dish and tiny salt spoon.

Usually, there are seven knives, forks, and spoons alongside the plate at the meal's start. Confused guests have no trouble deciding which to use if they remember the old rule of working from the outside in.

Included in the gold service is a magnificent centrepiece which is a part of the original purchase by President Monroe 138 years ago. It includes a 13-foot mirrored tray decorated with ornately-curved figures of Bacchus and Bacchantes and garlands of fruits and vines. There are matching fruit eperges, flower bowls, and candelabra.

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These pieces along with gold knives, forks, and spoons for 36 guests were bought by Monroe from France. Some members of Congress denounced his extravagance until it became known that the French manufacturer made a mistake in the price and the pieces were obtained for two-thirds their value.

The original pieces have been re-gilded several times. The last time was in 1950.

Former President Truman used to joke that there was no danger some sticky-fingered guest might slip a fork or spoon into his pocket for a souverein.

On the back of each piece, Mr. Truman would point out, is the plainly stamped, if old-fashioned, inscription, "President's House."

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Rhythmic Dancing An Aid

DO you know that some overweight women are getting rid of their bulges by attending rhythmic dancing classes? And a grand time they have leaping in the air, doing whatever is being done in the rhythmic manner. Also, if these girls find that the extra inches have landed on hips, thighs and calves, with the torso remaining normal, they go in for tap dancing.

"Now I have a household of kids, I'm with my own as well, and I'm making a small but quite decent living!"

Sometimes the best thing to do when you're in a jam is to turn the radio to dance music and skip around the living room by yourself. Keep on your toes as much as you can. Come up high on them. You can arrange your own movements. All of them will make for grace.

Dancing is the most marked example of graceful motion. It is the highest form of physical culture. That is why it is prescribed for its psychological as well as physical benefits.

Here is a little dance exercise that you can take a sling at; do a maxirax hop sideways to the left, then forward, then backward. Stamp three times, take three glissade steps to the left, then walk half a dozen turns and repeat. This is included in the programme of a well known figure-moulding salon, where dancing is an important part of this business of putting feminine figures in better shape.

But back to thinking young, many authorities believe that our best mental age is after fifty. So take no stock in that old saw that you cannot think as well as vitamins and without adequate amounts of each of

vitamin, and without the old dog new tricks. We do not grow old... we get old when we stop growing mentally.

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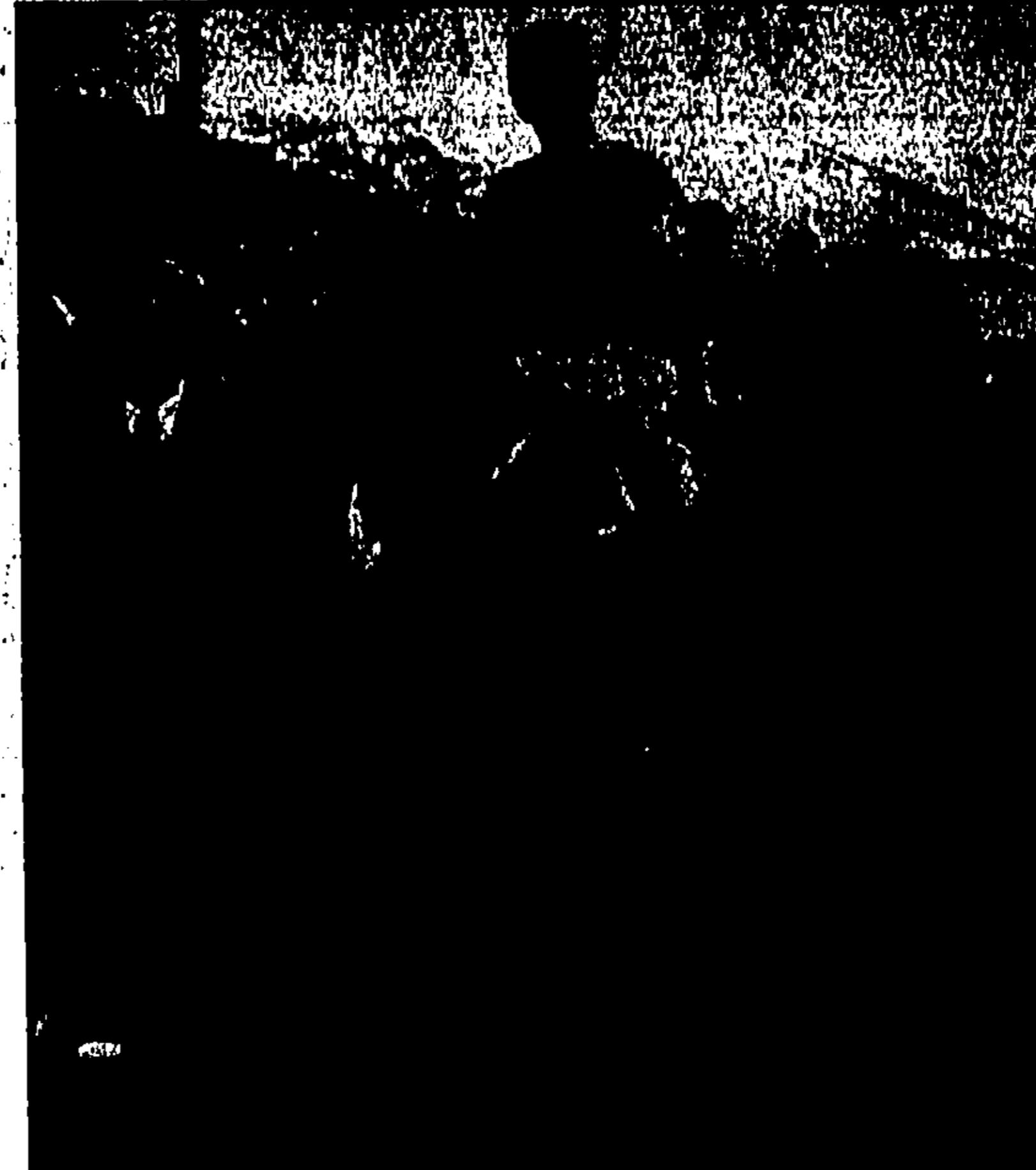
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FUN for everyone at the Kowloon Cricket Club when members and their friends gathered to see the New Year in. After Auld Lang Syne, balloons floated down from the ceiling. (Staff Photographer)



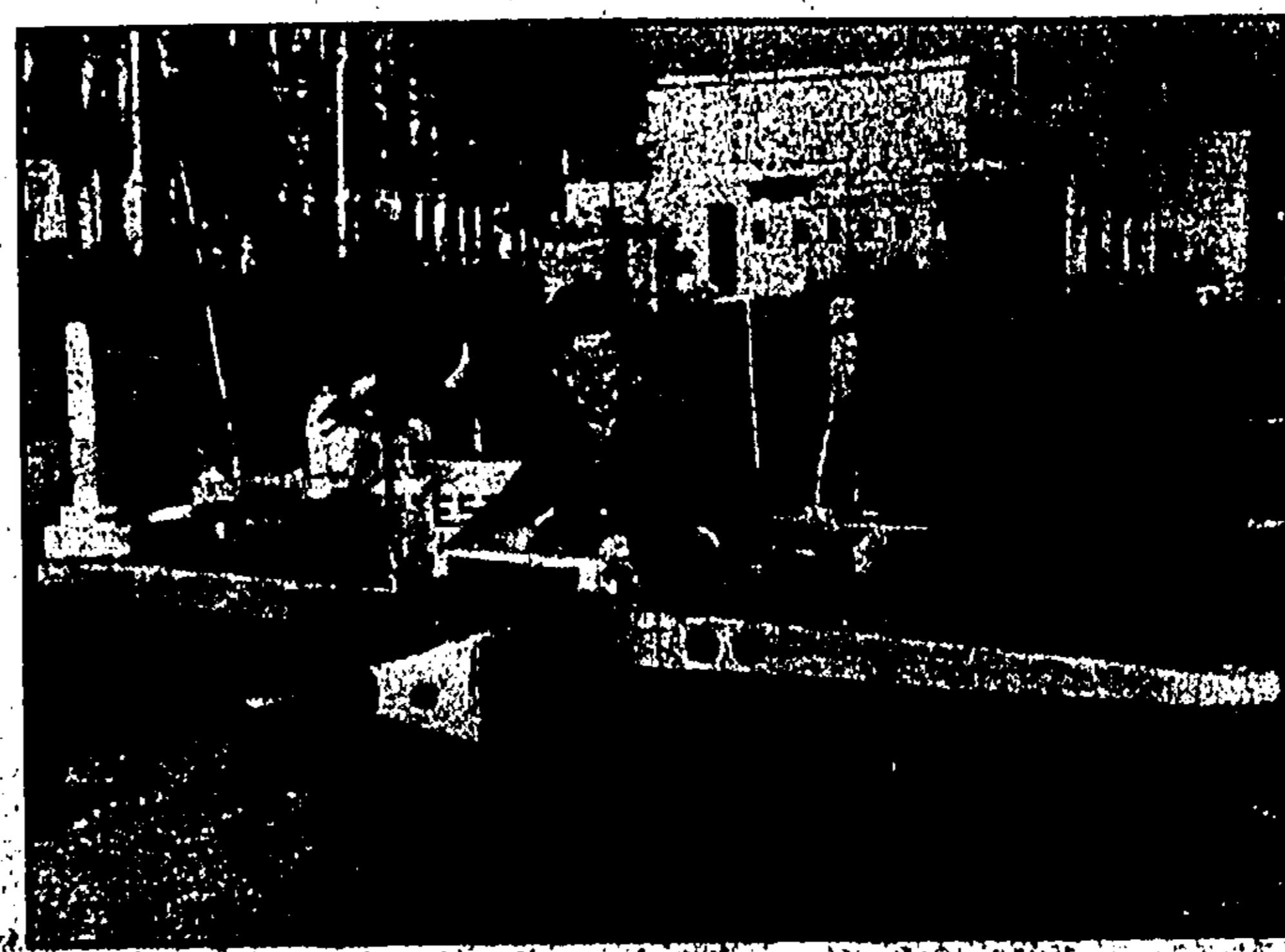
ON New Year's Day at Happy Valley, Mr. F. Noodt rode Johnber to victory in the New Year Handicap. The pony is being led in by Mr. F. A. Weller and Mr. S. A. Fowler. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, President of the Hongkong Football Association, greeting members of the Pegasus football team on their first appearance here. (Staff Photographer)



MR George T. Lloyd, who sailed for Australia on retirement last Sunday after 49 years in Hongkong and China. For many years he was active in journalism. After the war, he became General Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Lady Grantham at the charity art exhibition sponsored by the Hongkong Cultural Works Gallery at the Hongkong Hotel. The exhibition was in aid of the Shamshui po fire victims. (Staff Photographer)



THE children had a very enjoyable afternoon at the Police Recreation Club last Saturday, when the annual sports for young people were held. Piano rides and the merry-go-round were some of the attractions. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: His Holiness Sayyeda Dr. Taher Saifuddin, head of the Dawoodi Bohra community and Chancellor of Alligarh Muslim University, speaking to the Hon. R. R. Todd and Mr Chali Yongsunthon at a reception given in his honour at the Gloucester Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



THE wedding cake is cut by the bride, assisted by the groom, following the wedding last Saturday at St John's Cathedral of Mr Rudolf Peter Voremberg and Miss Rosalind Mary Grosvenor Burtelot. (Willie's)



A picture from London, showing Willie To, daughter of Dr and Mrs Ernest To, at the studio of Mr. George Gorchakov, where she is taking up ballet seriously. Mr. Gorchakov, who taught in Hongkong before the war, is teaching ballet at Sadler's Wells.

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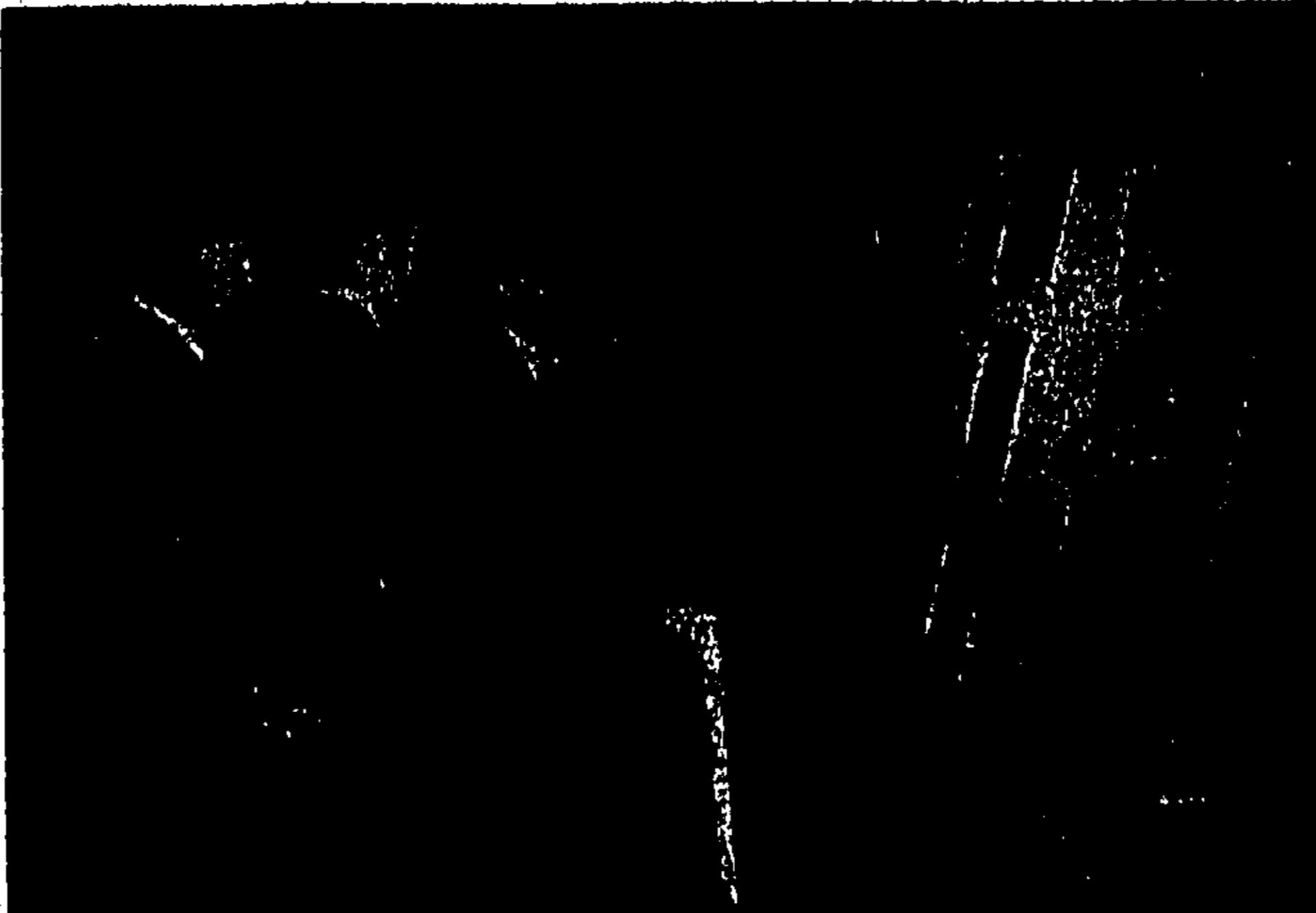
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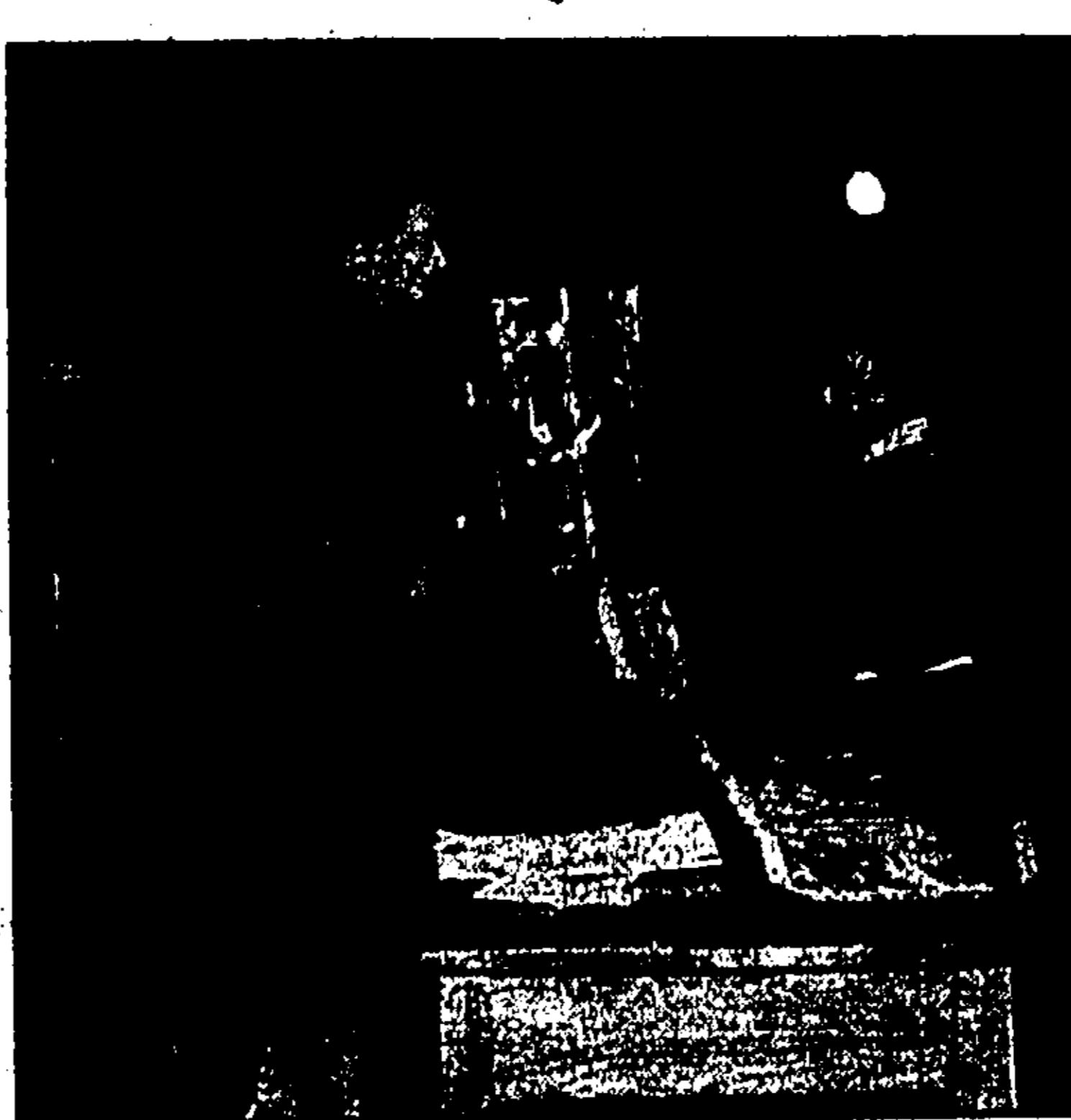
AT the dinner given in honour of Mr A. G. Suffiad (third from left) to mark his retirement, after 40 years' service, from the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd. On Mr Suffiad's left is Mr K. C. Johnson-Hill, General Manager, and Mrs Suffiad. (Staff Photographer)



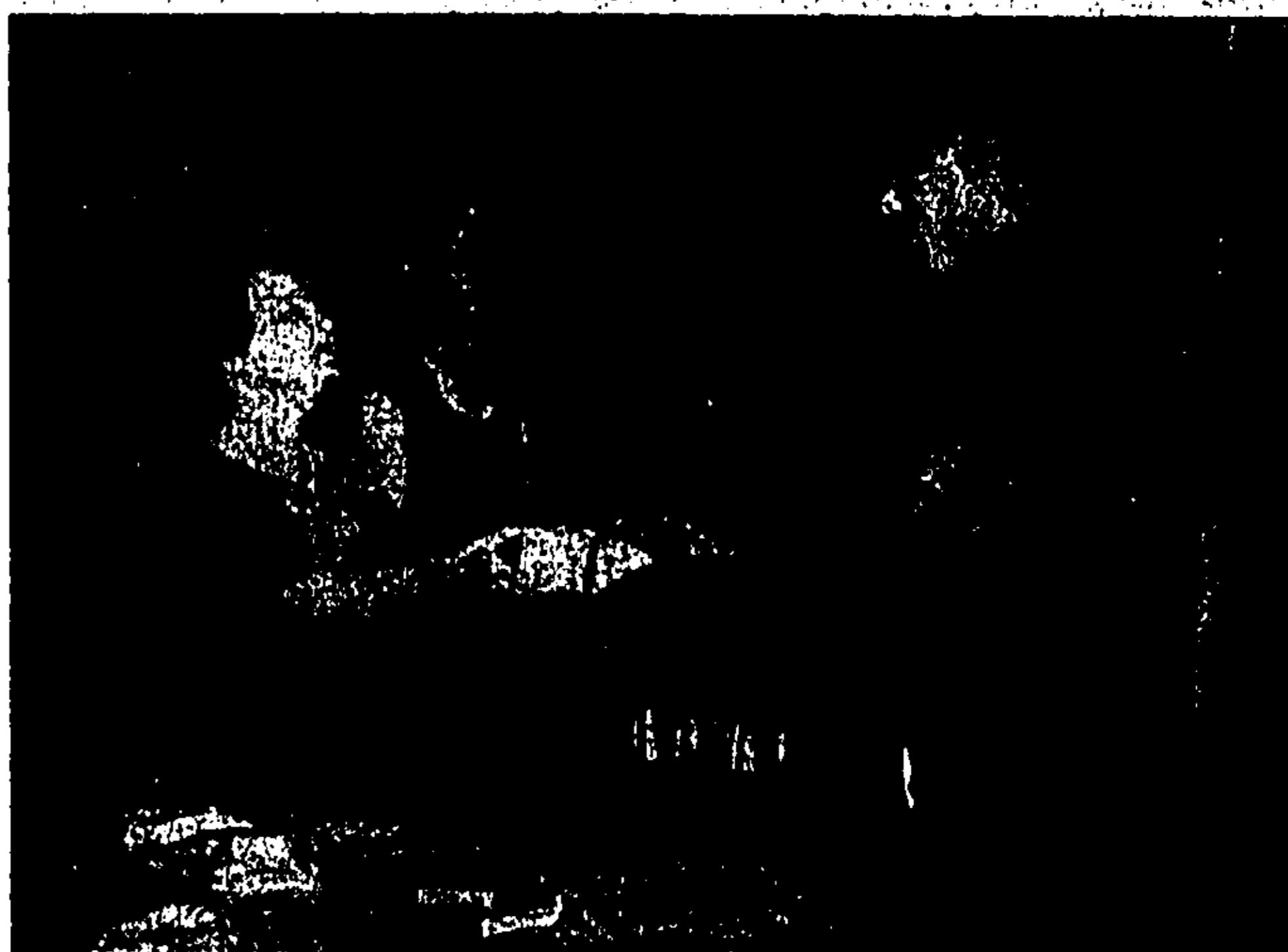
RIGHT: Dr H. W. Thompson, Hon. Secretary and Team Manager of the Pegasus Football Club, receiving a shield to mark the team's visit from the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, President of the Hongkong Football Association, at a dinner for the visitors given at the Peninsula Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



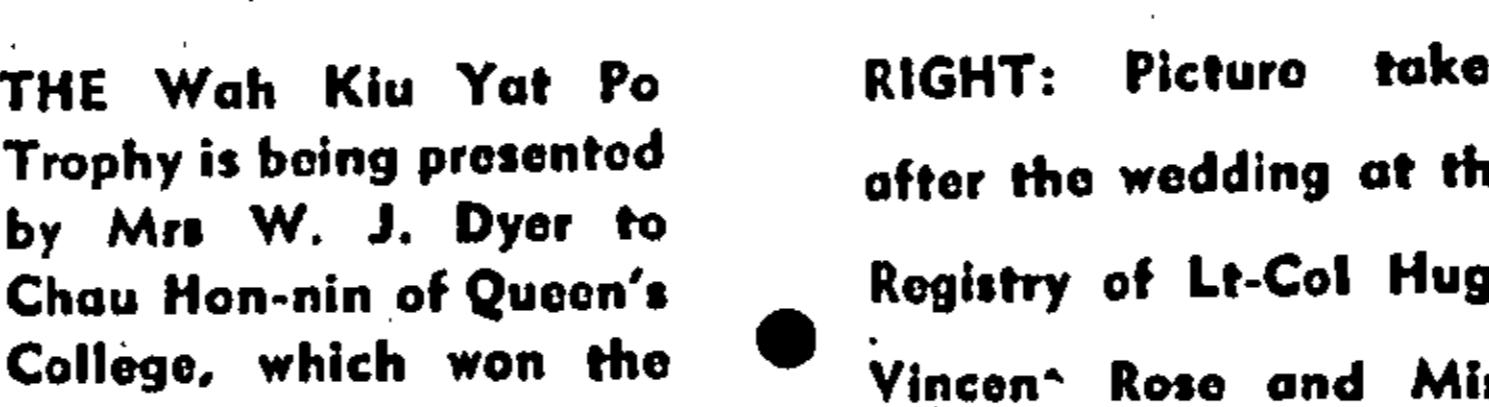
DETERMINATION is written on the faces of these youngsters bent on winning the tug of war at the New Year's Day children's sports held at the Kowloon Cricket Club. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Lady Grantham presenting a prize at the New Year's dance held at the Women's International Club on Thursday evening. (Staff Photographer)



SNAPSHOT taken at the Christmas dinner for Service personnel at the European YMCA. The dinner was followed by a concert given by a party from HMS St Bride's Bay. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Picture taken after the wedding at the Registry of Lt-Col Hugh Vincent Rose and Miss Susan Muriel Slater. (Staff Photographer)



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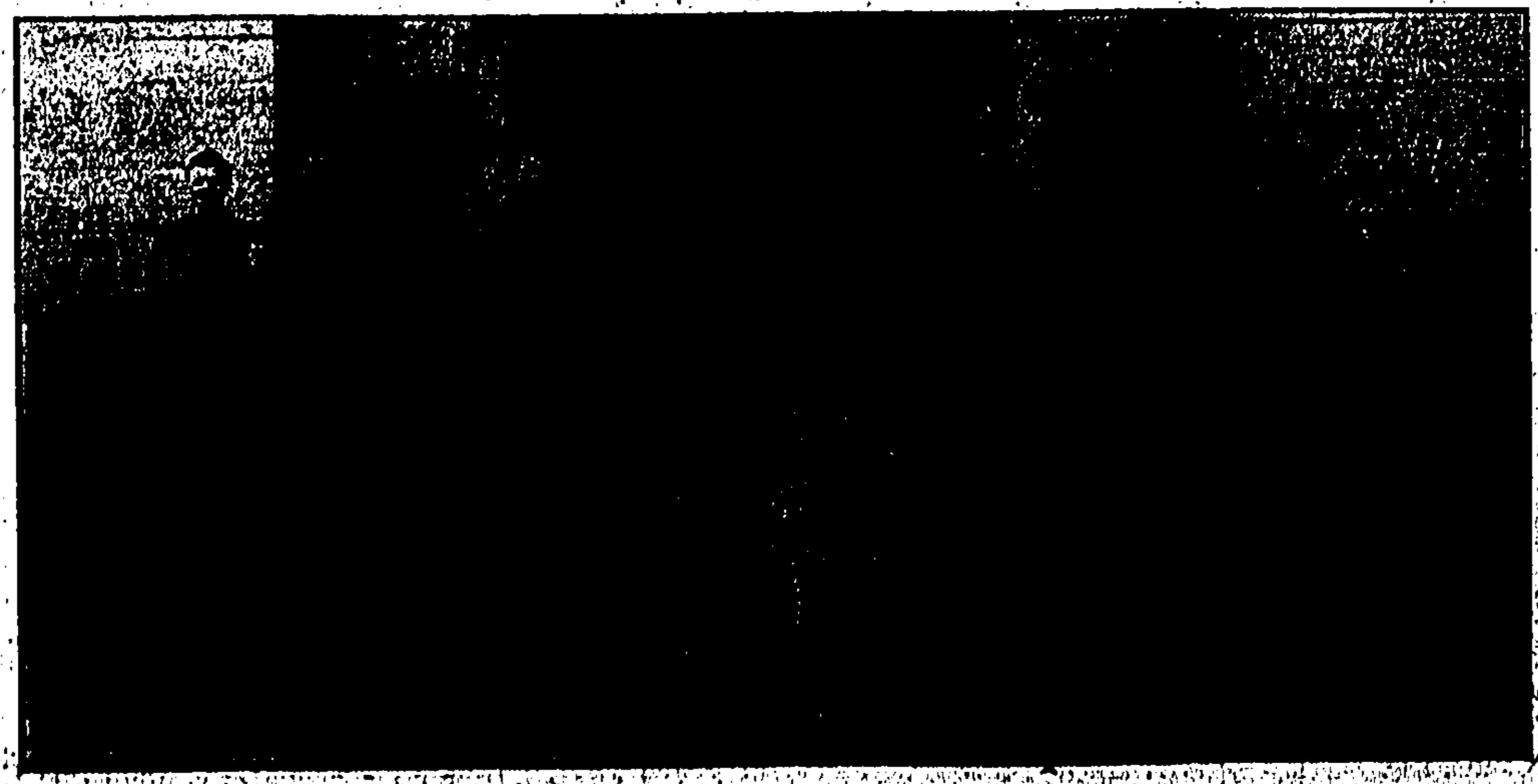
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RIGHT: Mrs Chao Mei-pa presenting a gift to Miss Barbara Foi, well-known soprano, at the annual dinner of the Crescendo Choral Society. (K. Kuan)



BELOW: Roman Catholic soldiers who attended the recent religious instruction refresher course at the Rosary Hill Priory. In white is the Rev. Fr R. W. Gallagher, who conducted the course.



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PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

NOW GIVE YOUR BATH A BRISK RUB DOWN...

By W. P. MATTHEW

SO you want to smarten up the bath? It is a fairly simple job with baths which have been treated with brush or spray-applied enamels, but it is a different matter in the case of modern baths finished in vitreous enamel.

The bath surface will be hard and glossy even after considerable wear and discolouration, and will offer practically no grip to brush-applied materials.

Enamel which has to stand up against the action of hot water, bath salts, and cleansing agents, must have a firm grip, and unless you achieve this by really harsh scouring with coarse emery and other abrasives, it is a waste of time to attempt the job.

So first get your roughened surface—then apply two coats of undercoat and finally the final enamel.

Each coat must dry hard before the next is applied, and should be smoothed with fine emery or glasspaper, or, better still, a household cleaner on a damp cloth, between each coat.

A bath which is not finished in vitreous enamel should be stripped down to the bare metal, using one of the strippers available.

Don't try to flush the stripped paint down the bath outlet or

you will have trouble with stopped up pipes.

The bare metal is then given

two dredges of a rust-preventive liquid followed by one or

better still, two coats of

aluminium paint or metal primer.

After this follow with the undercoats and finish-coat of bath enamel.

The tops must be tightly corked to prevent dripping, or should have this suspended from them to catch drips.

Specially prepared bath enamels are opt to be thick and difficult to brush out. Don't try to thin them.

Stand the tin in a pan of warm water. It will then flow more easily.

TIPS ON CARE FOR WARDROBES

By ELEANOR ROSS

HERE'S a collection of hints on the art and science of keeping clothes and accessories in top-notch condition. This, along with good personal grooming and good taste, is the secret of being well dressed.

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Household Hints

Stop door hinges from squeaking by applying a little soap to them. Rub a bar of household soap along the joints of the hinges, open and close the door several times to work it in, then remove excess with a damp cloth.

Fresh grease spots on garments can sometimes be removed by rubbing with fresh white bread.

When starching the laundry, separate white clothes from the coloured. Coloured clothes should be turned inside out before starching to prevent any possibility of streaking.

By Joan O'Sullivan

THE homemaker who's looking for closets—and most are—will find a sufficiency in the home shown today. There are nine spread out through the sleeping areas.

In addition to this generous storage space, the house will appeal to women because it's efficiently arranged to make housekeeping easy.

Rooms are well laid out. From the front hall, you can go into either work, sleeping or living areas.

★ ★ ★

The utility room faces the rear of the house. It's a bright, spacious area, with plenty of windows. Next to this room is the large breakfast nook that's combined with the kitchen, which has good cabinet and counter space. A side service door here is convenient.

The nearby dining area faces the rear of the house, with an exit to the yard. If desired, the dining room can be separated from the living area by draw drapes or a trellis partition.

A wide glassed wall at the rear of the living room looks out on a charming garden view. There's a natural fireplace at one end of this room and a built-in couch nearby. Note, too, the economical planning in the placement of the fireplace wall, which doubles as the utility room wall.

Nine closets are well distributed among the three bedrooms and the centre hall. In the bath, which is situated near the sleeping and utility areas, there's a linen closet.

With all these conveniences, the family is

bound to find this design both comfortable and economy-wise.

★ ★ ★

The exterior construction is just as attractive as the interior is practical. Simplicity of detail makes the home suitable for almost any background. There's a handsome window arrangement across the front of the house, which creates a feeling of length and provides plenty of sun and air.

Note, too, the decorative brick wall which extends slightly out on one side and the colourful planting box near the covered front porch.

The plan comprises 16,667 cubic feet.

TIME-SAVING METHODS ON MEAL PREPARATION

By Ida Bailey Allen

"IT'S difficult for most persons to realise that each minute is one-sixtieth of an hour. That's because when a few minutes are saved now and a few more later, they don't seem to add up to anything except a little extra time to dawdle. But combine a number of time-saving cuts during the preparation of a simple meal, and the time saved is apparent."

"Let's look at our menu, Madame," said the Chef, "and see what preparation time cuts we can suggest."

Dinner

Celery Soup
Veal-Vegetable Pie
Carrots Baked in Tomato
Juice

Green Bean Salad
Peach Batter Cake
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Celery Soup: Take enough for 2 meals; refrigerate or freeze. Veal-Vegetable Pie: Chop the vegetables with a quick spring-chopper. Make a double amount of pie-pastery and refrigerate or freeze.

milk. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

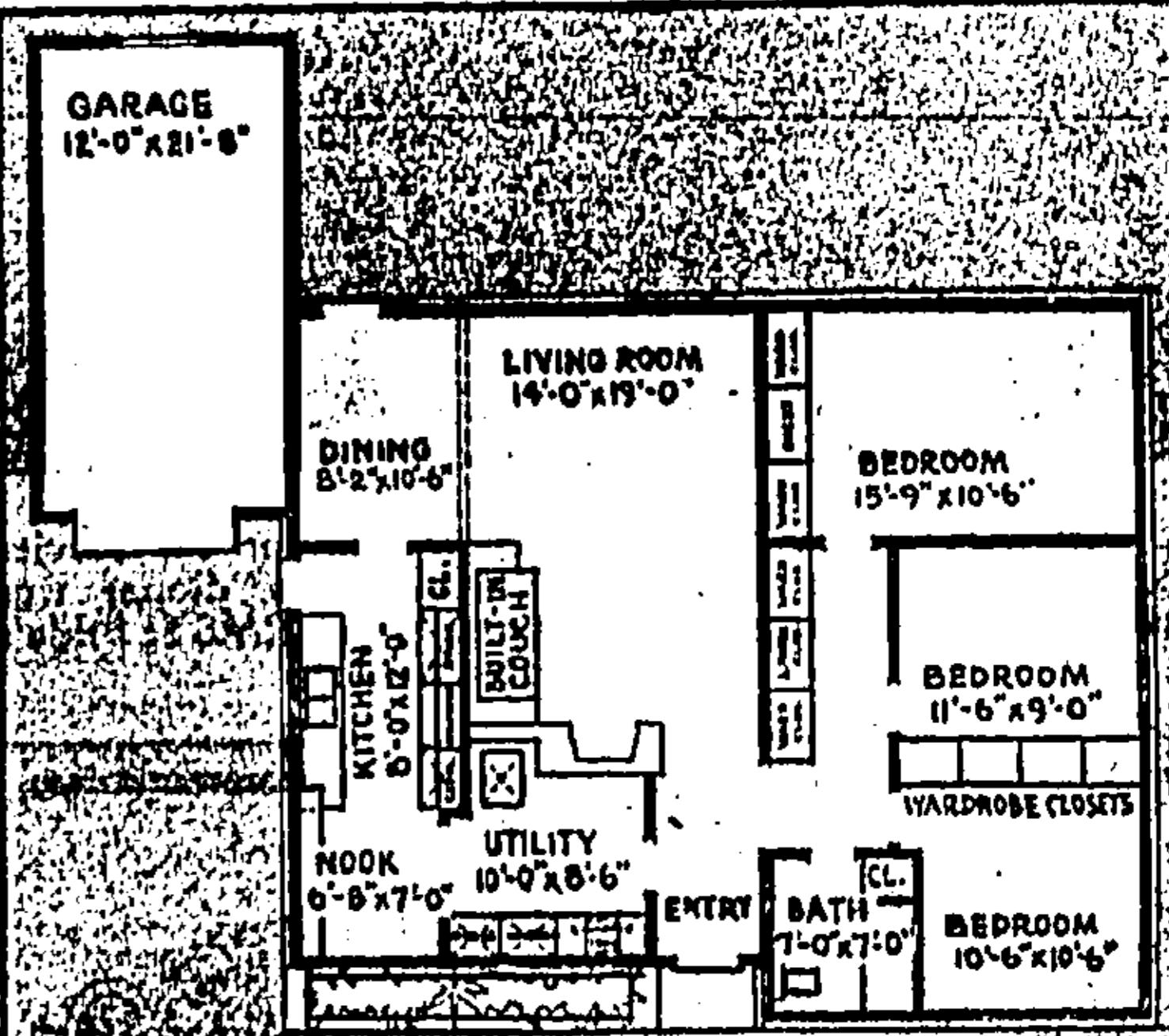
Peach Batter Cake

Rub an 8 x 8-in. glass baking dish with butter or margarine. Turn in the contents (1 lb.) tin sliced peaches. Add 1/2 cup lemon juice and 1/4 cup nutmeg. Bake in a moderate oven, 375° F., about 10 min. to heat the peaches. Meanwhile, make up 1/2 cup plain cake mix according to manufacturer's directions. Flavour with 1/4 cup nutmeg. Spoon over the peaches. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F., or until firm in the centre and brown on top. Serve warm or cold with or without a whipped topping.

Green Bean Salad

To 2 c. cooked fresh or frozen string beans, add 2 tbsp. pickle relish, 1/4 c. French dressing and 1/3 c. fine-cut Cheddar cheese. Chill 30 min. Serve on lettuce; garnish with pimento strips.

A LARGE FIREPLACE is the focal point in the good-sized living room of House Design H-14-KF. Next to it is a built-in sofa. At the other side of the room (not shown), there's a wall of windows.



COUNT THE CLOSETS! There are nine distributed through the sleeping areas of this home, providing more than generous storage space.

THE HOUSE THAT EXPANDS —AND ALSO CONTRACTS

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London. WOULD you like to add an extra room to your house? Would you like to phone a factory for an extra bedroom to be sent along? The idea isn't fantastic. You can do it—if you invest in an "expandable" house.

The idea works this way. The house is a prefab, all-on-one-floor type.

You start with four rooms: living-dining room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom. These are delivered complete from factory to site. Then, when you need extra bedrooms, the manufacturers plan allows for two; you simply order the

necessary spare parts and

longer sheets may wear

longer than short ones. Pulling

longer hard on any fabric, so be sure

the length you've been using is

long enough to tuck in well and

let a leave, a comfortable margin

at the top to turn over the

blanket. Sheets 108 inches in

time or another she must have

and say in its design.

So the house which began

for two can become a home for four. The living room is family-sized and big enough to accommodate the extra people.

Later, of course, the house can be made to contract. When the family grows up and moves away, then the extra rooms can be dismantled.

While the house is factory-made, parts are left to individual choice—paint, floor coverings and style of fireplaces.

Just think of the time and

energy this saves!

The kitchen itself has enough

storage space to satisfy any

housewife. For the walls are

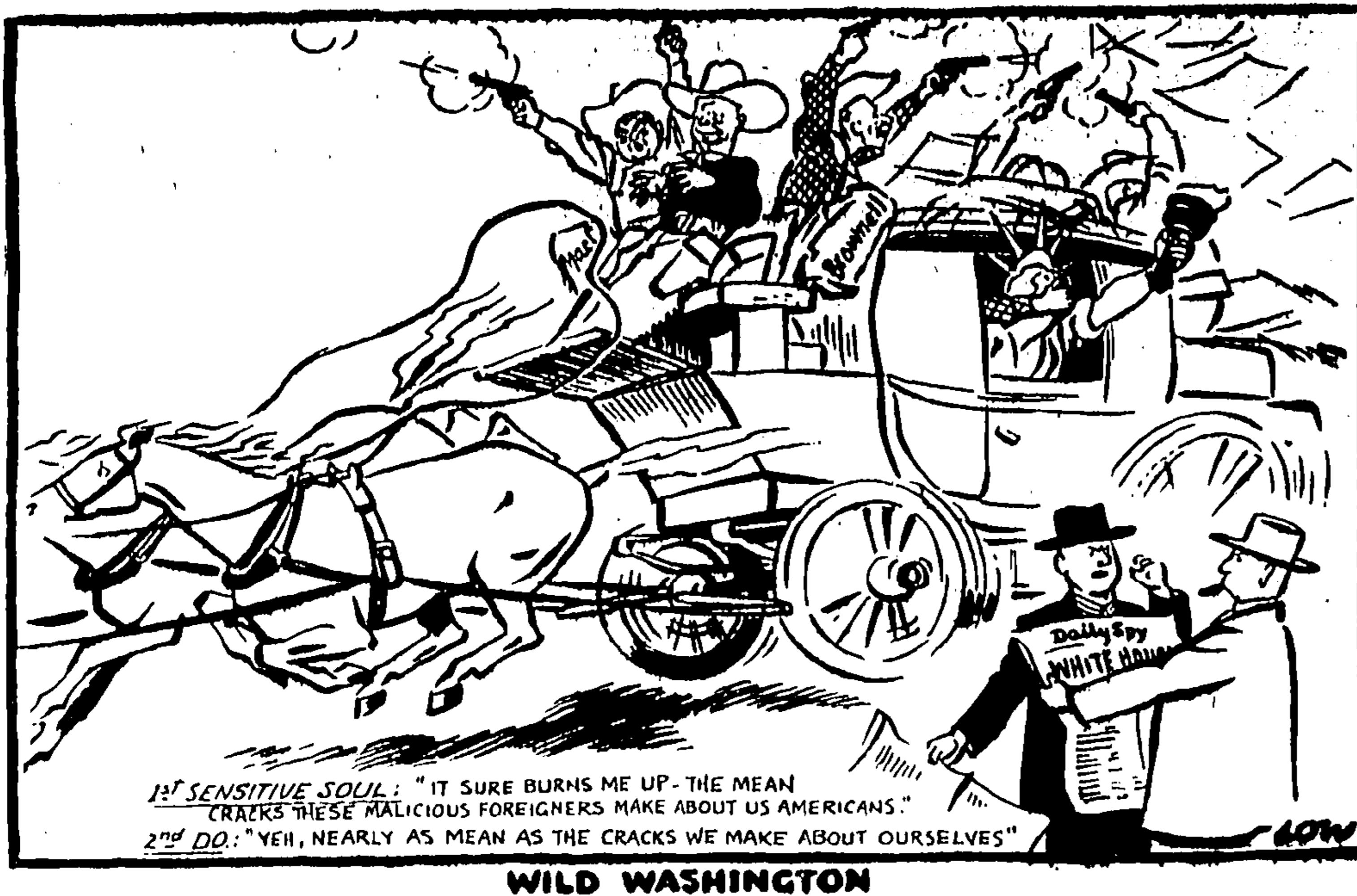
lined with cupboards.

It may even become the modern version of the "but-and-bon". One has already

been ordered for

the

house.



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THE 'DOCTORS' PLOT' OF 1893

By JOHN SHERWOOD

IN 1894, a story was published in Russia called "No Road" (Bez Dorogi). It took the form of a diary written by a high-minded young doctor who had applied for an appointment at Slesarsk, a small provincial town.

While he awaited the result of his application news came through that a cholera epidemic was approaching Slesarsk. His application was successful, but one of his more experienced friends, instead of congratulating him on the appointment, was horrified and did his best to dissuade him from going. The story went on:

"They will kill you there in a week's time, you know," the friend said. "You don't know the workers in the factory district on the other side of the river at Slesarsk. Not long ago another doctor was appointed to Slesarsk. He was called to a woman on the other side of the river, gave her some medicine, and also some carbolic acid to put down the lavatory. She thought it was a shame to waste good medicine on such a mean, dirty object, so she drank the carbolic herself, and by evening, of course, she was stretched out under the ikons.

Sinister Looks

"The doctor, when he called next day, was surrounded by a menacing crowd and had to be rescued by the police. You know how it is there—the old women are saying in the markets: 'These doctors are being sent to poison us.'

"And did you read what happened in Astrakan and Saratov? The people got so angry that they broke into the hospitals and killed those who were striving to help them. If such things happen on the Volga, they will certainly happen at Slesarsk too. So why go? You will only throw away your life, and you can't possibly do any good."

"But I must go," said the young doctor. "I have accepted the offer."

When he took up his post, however, he found that his friend's forebodings were right. "People give me sinister looks," his diary says, "and follow me about wherever I go. Through the cook and the male nurse at the hospital, I hear the rumours that are going round. People have seen me by night at the well, pouring in poison. People have chased me, but I always manage to skip quickly over the well and so escape."

Very soon the expected epidemic breaks out. "I am awakened at night," the doctor records. "There is a messenger reporting a case of cholera across the river. . . . I gave the man a powder. He refused to take it. I said, 'Do you think

I want to poison you? Now to bid your water! But you look here. I have got two of these powder here. You take one, and I'll take the other.' His wife insisted: 'Drink our water too.' She handed the jug from which her husband had been drinking. I shuddered. To drink from the jug from which a man with cholera has just been drinking!"

However, he drank from it to get their confidence. The patient recovered, but the epidemic spread, and the doctor began a desperate battle against ignorance, superstition and disease.

Malicious Shout

Gradually he begins to win the confidence of the population. He is worshipped by those he has cured. But, owing to the terrible conditions in which the people live, it is impossible to take proper sanitary precautions against infection.

When the epidemic reaches its height, people die by the dozen; the survivors turn against the doctor. A drunken crowd attacks his house, determined to drive him out of the town. "Since the doctor came here," they shout, "the cholera has come here too."

The doctor goes out to reason with them. When the crowd sees him, there is a malicious shout of glee: "Why are you killing us? The doctor turn on them!"

"I have told you a hundred times to be more careful with vegetables, and not to drink unboiled water. Is it so difficult to do?"

Sixty Years

In 1893—a year before Veresoff's story was published—Stalin was 14 years old.

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IS INDIA FACING STARVATION?

By LEWIS CAINE

"CATASTROPHE or a near-miracle." These are the alternatives before India, according to an official report on the Indian census of 1951, just published.

It is a frightening document, this, which sets out in the clearest terms the dilemma confronting India: Either India's population must be confined to the land's capacity to feed it, or else production of food-stuffs must be raised to heights far beyond what experts believe that the country can achieve.

IN TWENTY YEARS

The population is now increasing at such a rate that, under present conditions, India will face starvation—and this not in the distant future, but in less than twenty years ahead. In 1951 India's population was 300 million. This figure will rise to 410 million in 1961, to 460 million in 1971 and to 520 million in 1981. And this is a conservative estimate based on the assumption that the birth-rate will not rise and that the death-rate will not sharply fall.

Great efforts are being made in a series of five year plans to step up output. But even the most stupendous efforts are unlikely to meet more than a fraction of India's needs.

An all-powerful government, like the Soviet, can drive the peasant forward under fear of death or the concentration camp. But the government of India has to expand to meet these increased

customs which interfere with efficient agriculture, the complications of the caste system and, not least, Communization, cannot use these sanctions.

And there is yet another complicating factor—Inflation.

Inflation does not affect peasants who own land and eat their own crops.

But to landless millions it means that their tiny incomes cannot keep pace with the rising cost of food.

Higher taxation has already increased inflation. The taxes are levied to pay for irrigation projects to grow the vital needed extra food.

Mr. Nehru has seen the dangers and advocates the limitation of families. But if the 'near-miracle' is to be achieved, it can only be through a national campaign supported by all the resources of the state.

Whether this could succeed in a vast and relatively uneducated country is anyone's guess.

The Census Commissioner has shown courage in drawing up a report which is frank and outspoken. The Government of India have shown courage in publishing his views to the world.

It will require even greater courage on their part to take the steps they can give India from a horrible calamity.

CROSS-CURRENTS IN ISLAM AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

London. EVENTS in the turbulent world of Islam are being closely watched by Whitehall for their possible effects on Britain and the West.

There is, first, the emotional impulse given to Arab nationalism by the mounting prestige of Gen. Naguib's regime.

For example, Major Saleh Salem, Gen. Naguib's right-hand man, recently told a youth rally at Alexandria: "I demand that popular meetings representing Arabs from all parts be held immediately. Let there be a meeting in Cairo, attended by representatives of the peoples—not governments—who will study and debate plans for the destruction of injustice, terror and imperialism."

He expanded this later: "We have started to establish certain contacts, and this will be followed by the formation of an Arab Secretariat representing various popular organisations." This body will pave the way for a popular meeting, he said, and "will be the nucleus for a greater popular assembly."

Something similar occurred at the time of the great purge of the 'thirties, when the doctors "confessed" their alleged crimes at the Bulkhair trial. The medical evidence recorded in the official minutes of that trial can only have been designed to appeal directly to cruelty and ignorance.

Greatest Crime

From doctors who poison their patients, it is only a step, though a very serious one, to aircraft which shower down unseen pestilence at the behest of evil capitalism. And the principle can be extended to a whole gallery of familiar Soviet figures of horror: the capitalist, plotting war because he is too wicked and stupid to see that war will ruin him; the Socialist in league with the capitalist to delude the people and lead them to war; the Western speech-makers, whose every sentence is a subtle manoeuvre to divert attention away from this or that; the priests, the Trotskyites, the Titoites, the hidden saboteurs—all the corrupt hypocrites at home and abroad who are allegedly plotting the downfall of the Soviet Union.

Noteworthy in Major Salem's proposal is the apparent omission of any concern for the Arab League and other Arab States' organisations. The Arab Economic Council met in Cairo on December 6, as an organ of the Arab Defence Treaty of 1950. Education Ministers of the Arab States met the same day in Cairo. An Arab engineering conference is due to meet in February. The Economic Council's Oil Committee meets from time to time, chiefly concerned with the disparity between high American and low Middle East prices for crude oil.

Then there is the Arab Defence Council, another organ of the Defence Treaty.

Several themes are reflected in those endeavours. For instance, there is eagerness to shake

off "colonialism," with little idea of what that really means. But this is the theme that Gen. Naguib's government have promoted for dealing with Britain. Indeed Egypt's leaders are allying themselves with those who seek to profit from any weakening of British influence. And they are gaining some prestige in doing so.

For example, Gen. Naguib recently received Amolo Kamard, a self-styled "Mau Mau leader," who is touring the world to acquaint it with "the nationalist movement in Kenya."

Kamard stated that national leaders in Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria were contemplating creation of an "African anti-imperialist front to carry on a collective national struggle for liberation." They consider Gen. Naguib the "spiritual patron" of the "African liberation movement."

Amolo Kamard is actually a native of Uganda. But his journey to Cairo was not surprising, since disaffected Uganda natives derive considerable support from the many Egyptians stationed at Jinga in connection with the Owen Falls dam project.

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Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

Broadcasts Of Two Royal Occasions

In New Zealand

Her Majesty the Queen will open a special session of the New Zealand Parliament in Wellington on Tuesday, and it will be the first time in New Zealand's history that the ceremony has been performed by a reigning sovereign. The BBC plans to broadcast a description of the ceremony as well as Her Majesty's Speech from the Throne, and if reception conditions permit, Radio Hongkong will be relaying the programme direct at 6.45 p.m. on Tuesday.

The BBC will also broadcast a speech by the Queen at a State Luncheon given by the Government of New Zealand in Parliament Buildings the day before—which Radio Hongkong will record for re-broadcast on Monday evening at 7.15.

On Tuesday the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, is to broadcast a talk on "The International Outlook", which will be heard by Hongkong listeners at 6.30 p.m.

At the end of last month Hongkong listeners had the pleasure of hearing a recital broadcast by the violinist, Maurice Clare— who has since visited Japan and is now back in the Colony for a short spell. On Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. he will broadcast a second recital from Radio Hongkong's Concert Hall. Moya Rea will again accompany him, and his half-hour programme on this occasion includes the Second Sonata by Dello; the Arla Cantabile from the Violin Concerto by Dall'abaco; and Kreisler's well-known "Tambourin Chinols."

SPORT

Tonight Radio Hongkong is relaying, from the BBC, commentaries on the second half of the Rugby Union International between Ireland and the touring New Zealand All Blacks, to be played at Lansdowne Road, Dublin. Radio Hongkong will join London at 11.00 p.m. for commentaries and summaries of play. The match between Ireland and New Zealand will be followed immediately by a summary of play in another International—the match between Scotland and France at Murrayfield.

So Radio Hongkong will be on the air till about 12.15 a.m.

In local sport, the focus this week-end is bent upon the first of the games for the Governor's Cup. The Cup is contested annually between the Hongkong Football Association and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, and goes to the team winning two of three games played. Brie Young will be at Caroline Hill tomorrow afternoon to describe the play in the second half—that is, from 4.30 onwards.

DRAMA

In this week's 9 o'clock "Wednesday Theatre" Radio Hongkong is broadcasting a transcribed BBC production of St. John Ervine's play "Jane Clegg", in which the title role is played by Margaret D'Arcy and the despicable Henry Clegg by John Gibson.

The author took his theme from a Belfast newspaper report of a court case in which a defaulter commercial traveller was rescued from the retribution of the law through the loyalty and self-sacrifice of his ill-used wife. He sent the play to the Gaiety Theatre at Manchester, where it was at once accepted, and first produced in 1913. The part of Jane Clegg was played by a young, unknown actress called Sybil Thorndike—and when the play was transferred to London it made her famous.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 8.62 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

Today

10.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.
10.35 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
10.35 LUNCHTIME MUSIC.

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THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

PEGASUS HAVE LEFT US WITH A PREPONDERANCE OF PRESSING PROBLEMS

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

Pegasus have come and gone. I saw and enjoyed the first two games, but unfortunately, due to other commitments, I missed the third game against the Combined Chinese. Whatever our success or the shortcomings of the visitors, and whatever the results of the games in which they played, Pegasus have left us with a preponderance of problems so pressing that they must be brought out into the open and aired.

Heavy financial losses have been incurred in bringing the English Amateur Cup holders to the Colony. Pegasus may have contributed materially to the deficit by their indifferent performance in the opening match. BUT THE REAL FATE OF THE SERIES WAS ALREADY SEALED EVEN BEFORE THE VISITORS ARRIVED AND THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO GIVE THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT TO THE HKFA TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE VENTURE WERE THE VERY PEOPLE WHO MADE THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION TO ITS FAILURE.

One grows tired of hearing the monotonous tirade of reasons why the Chinese fans will not go to matches where their own particular stars are not in action and it has been suggested that the absence of some familiar faces was why they did not turn out in their usual thousands to see the games against Pegasus.

This is neither true nor is it materially accurate. The plain unvarnished truth—and it badly wants saying—is that they did not turn out for these games because their minds were systematically turned against them.

If we are to heed the guidance of some soccer sages it would seem that to avert further financial disaster the next act of the HKFA is immediately to disband the new Selection Committee and hand the responsibility for picking future Colony sides over to the Financial Committee—and if they have no such committee it looks like they will have to get one right away.

Future teams could then be chosen in the following manner. Let us take the right-half position for example. Player 'A' is a very good man. According to the team plan he is just the right man for the job. But wait. Player 'B' on the list must be given the position. He is not such a good player, and he might not fit into the team plan as well as 'A', but he has a big following and will bring in more spectators!!

The Association must face up to this situation now. FOR IF IT IS GOING TO BE A PARTY TO THE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE SIDES WHERE ANY FACTORS OTHER THAN MERIT AND SUITABILITY ARE ALLOWED TO CREEP INTO THE RECKONING, THEN I SAY LET THE PRESENT MEMBERS LAY DOWN THEIR OFFICES OF RESPONSIBILITY. NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE UNWORTHY TO HOLD THEM, BUT BECAUSE UP TO NOW THEY HAVE SHOWN AN HONESTY OF PURPOSE THAT WOULD BE BETRAYED IF THEY ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE ENVELOPED IN THIS CURRENT SUGGESTION.

EQUAL CANDIDATES!

Football is still a game and although one must admit that it is becoming more and more commercialised there must be some common sense and rationalisation about the whole thing.

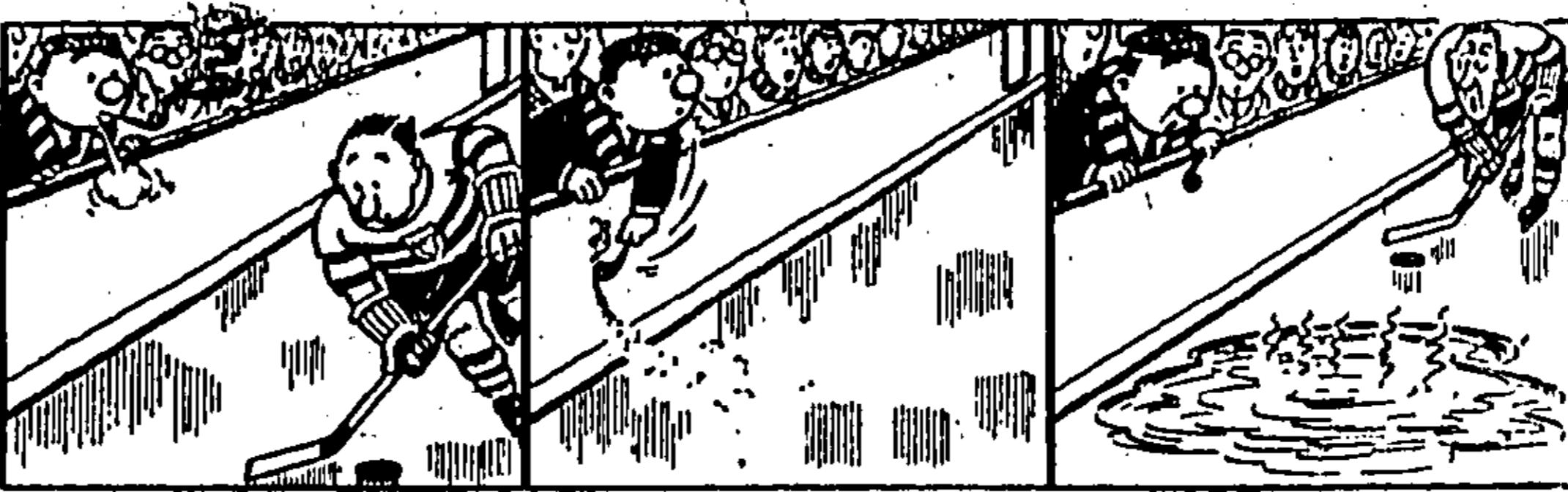
Every player who is currently appearing in any team under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Football Association is an equal candidate for representative honours.

The job of the Selection Committee is to pick what—for better or for worse—it considers to be the best possible team, NOT the best team to fill the stadium but the best team to beat the opposition. And if it happens that these two factors are simultaneously satisfied then so much the better.

POP



SPORTING SAM By Reg. Wootton



Spotlighting The Three-Year-Olds of 1954

Speedy High Treason Will Be Brilliant

By JAMES PARK

It was like old times to see the "black, scarlet cap" to the fore so often this year. It brought back memories of the days when the brothers Jack and Solly Joel were such keen rivals on the racecourse.

Solly had a little filly called Doris. It was thought she was too small so Jack took her over and she bred Sunstar, who won the Derby on three legs. The fourth one gave out before the finish but Sunstar kept going long enough to win.

Sunstar never ran again but was a considerable success at the stud. Mr Jack Joel's other Derby winner, Humorist, also ran his last race in the Derby. He died shortly afterwards.

On his father's death Mr Jim Joel decided to carry on. He bought Court Martial from the late Lord Astor and the stallion is the sire of the good two-year-olds, High Treason and King's Evidence.

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Richards not only had some

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to a true line and keeping him

balanced, but also looked like

being set with the impossible to

overhaul the leader.

Then there was a sudden

change. The Ple King found

the full length of his stride and

simply flew the last 150 yards

to beat King's Evidence by two

lengths.

I would make it clear that

King's Evidence stayed the six

furlongs well enough but lacked

the winner's superlative

ability.

No colt could have fought

with more pluck than did King's

Evidence when he beat Princely

Gift at York.

I thought that was a fair test

of merit but the handicapper

has not accepted it as such. He

sets King's Evidence to give

only 3lb, whereas he conceded

7lb, and a beating at York.

Obviously the official view is

that Princely Gift trained on to

a greater extent after August.

With no Derby to worry

about, Ted Leader can set about

training King's Evidence for the

2,000 Guineas. If all goes well,

there may be no fitter colt in

the field—and the colt has not

so much leeway to make up.

—(London Express Service).

The Luck Of The Draw Is With Hongkong In Our Thomas Cup Debut

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong has been extremely fortunate in more ways than one in its first participation in the Thomas Cup International Badminton Competition and can now concentrate on leaving no stone unturned in making full use of that luck.

The result of the draw should give occasion for special rejoicing not only to Hongkong enthusiasts but also to the officials of the Association. In being drawn against Burma, Hongkong has more than an even chance of getting through the first round.

Hongkong can even hope to go further as, according to the order of the draw, it appears that the winner of the Hongkong versus Burma tie will have Japan as the next opponent.

The draw has also eased to a great extent Hongkong's financial problem in this Competition. The HKBA will have the choice of courts in the first match against Burma and will undoubtedly have the match played in Hongkong. Should Hongkong be able to get through this match, our players will probably have to travel only as far as Japan for the next round.

There is still quite a gap between the senior and junior standard in the Colony, but the inclusion of the three junior players—Jimmy Kho, Rosario and Pomeroy—in the training schedule

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

BRAVES SHOULD BEAT THE USS ORCA IN TOMORROW'S FEATURE MATCH

Says "SNOOPER"

My prediction is that Ed Carvalho's champion Braves will beat the slugging USS Orca outfit in the feature Senior "A" return softball tussle on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park, but the gobs may pull a surprise in this eagerly-awaited clash which is expected to draw another capacity crowd of fans. Preceding the Braves-Orca battle royal, the Warriors face the youthful Rexes in the morning session game.

It will be remembered that the Orca ballplayers were almost through in the first round meeting but for the magnificent spirit of the Braves who rallied in the seventh to tie up the ball game and then went on to beat the sailors by 3-2 in the eighth. The Orca lodged a protest in the seventh and later the Protest Board of the Hongkong Softball Association upheld the objection. The first round game will be replayed from the seventh canto next Sunday (January 17).

That rip-roaring game between the Braves and the Orca, played some six weeks ago, had supporters of both camps worked up to fever pitch and was undoubtedly a fine, hard game. The two teams are expected to treat this Sunday's

game to another grand game.

If the Orca ballplayers counted themselves unlucky not to be on the winning end in the first round clash they will be given another chance to show themselves tomorrow. Because of the sailors' lack of practice, I am inclined to favour the Braves to win, but they will have to fight hard.

After weeks of practice at King's Park, the Braves have looked more polished in field play but there is little to choose between pitchers Kelly Silveira and Jock Brown in effectiveness.

BIG BLOW

The loss of moundsman Chappie Remedios is a big blow to the Braves, but it is considerable consolation to manager Carvalho that both Silveira and Brown have returned to form.

Carlos Yvanovich will be an automatic choice at first while Manuel Guterres has proven his capabilities behind the plate. Hank Killeen is improving rapidly at second and should play again, but it is planned to remove Junior Remedios from shortstop to third with the acquisition of Roberto Nunes who is likely to be posted as shortstop.

It will be Nunes' first appearance for the Braves in the season's big league games. Outfielders are likely to be left-fielder Dick Chaves, centre-fielder Spike Guterres and right-fielder Bill Dhabber.

TRIBUTE TO WARRIORS

That Alfredo Oliveira's relegation-menaced Warriors succeeded in beating Chev Tool's South China last Sunday is a great tribute to their fighting calibre, and if not quite as stylish in the manner in which they defeated the Caroliners, they performed reasonably well for a team that has lost most of its lustre.

I have little doubt that if the Warriors maintain their improved form they will beat the Rexes comfortably tomorrow. Both teams are apt to be rugged, and if the two teams are level on form my bet will still be on the Warriors.

There will be two Senior "B" games followed by the Braves-Orca tussle. There can be little doubt that Bob Suzman's Americans are now at their best but the Yanks will have stern opposition from Jack Carvalho's Wildfires in the feature game.

A pitcher who will have to be seriously considered is Daniel Remedios who is a very consistent moundsman. Re-

medios paved the way for the Americans' rousing success over Bill Silva's Delawares in their last outing and an American victory over the Wildfires would chiefly come from his pitching performance. Solid support is bound to come from catcher Jack Bordwell.

Although the Pandas, Wildfires and the Delawares are ahead of the Yanks, the Americans are within striking distance and their chances of annexing the Senior "B" Pennant cannot be ignored. The Americans finished second to the Rexes last season.

I was impressed with the way Jimmy Herrick's Pandas battled Bill Silva's Delawares in a thrilling finish to win by 7-6 last Sunday. On that showing the Pandas will have to be reckoned with.

I made a special note of pitcher Herrick himself, who has improved greatly. When the Pandas face Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers tomorrow, much will depend on Herrick's pitching.

COLLEENS IMPRESS

It was a great day for Bunny Remedios' Colleens last weekend when the red-shirted softballers humbled Virgil Ribeiro's Wahoos "B" by a remarkable 23-5 score after having been held 4-4 at the close of the third and at one stage trailing 2-3. Coach Eddie Marques' game for many congratulations afterwards.

By virtue of this victory the Colleens have moved up threateningly nearer the home stretch, but whether pearl Chavis' Pandas will deprive the Colleens of second place remains to be seen. The much-improved return tussle between these two teams will be played on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and a close and keenly-contested game should be witnessed.

Among the Pandas' candidates to challenge the Colleens are pitcher May Wu, catcher Eugenia Kwok, shortstop Amy Cheng and outfielder Stella Pih. The Pandas have had some bad luck in the matter of sick lists, but it is understood that Diane Tong, regular first base, will be turning out for the Sunday game and her presence should be keenly felt.

In the game against the Wahoos "B" relief pitcher Sheila Bernal-Silva did a capable job when she was sent in to replace Dolly Norman in the top of the third frame.

Sheila's standard of pitching that day was very high. More than once she has fired the imagination of those Colleens who worked as hard as Virgil Ribeiro's Wahoos for that memorable 23-5 victory.

Whether coach Marques will start Sheila against the Pandas remains to be seen.

David Cooper's 25 Gunners will have to produce first class softball to overcome stern opposition from the Cubs who caused a sensational upset victory over the Maumaus a month ago.

The soldiers, who have made much progress in the game, still lack finishing power. But there can be no denying that the Gunners owe much to the good work accomplished by David Cooper on the mound.

In the final game of the afternoon, Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers face the Rocklets. The Dodgers will start strong favourites to clinch the game.

HARD TO FORECAST The second game is even harder to forecast as very few of the Commonwealth team

TWO MINDS THINK AS ONE



Together, twins D. Carew and J. Carew (background) ponder a problem during the London Boys' Chess Championship at University College in Gower Street, London. The twins, 14, are students at Whitgift School, Croydon.—Reuterphoto.

International Rugger This Afternoon

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon at Boundary Street spectators will see the opening round of the International series. These two games should provide some really exciting tussles as the teams are all fairly evenly matched, each having a good selection from the various Colony rugger XV's.

The first game is between England and Wales and it begins at 3:15 p.m., and is followed at 4:15 p.m. by the match between Scotland and a Commonwealth XV.

In the first game Wales have had to field a weaker side than they hoped to, as the Welsh Regiment have refused to allow any of their players to be selected, as they have a friendly inter-unit match on Saturday.

This is not the spirit that is wanted in the Colony's rugger and the Welsh Regiment should realise that in rugger circles they have been highly criticised in the last few days for their defection from the Internationals.

All this does not mean that the Welsh have a weak team. On the contrary they have a fifteen which will take a lot of stopping, and it is a pity that Dal Rees, who was to have captained them, has had to call off because of an injury.

They have a good back line and a fairly strong pack but they are going to find it a struggle to overcome the England forwards who have the services of Owen as hooker.

For this reason I think that England should see more of the ball and as they have about the best set of threes of all the teams they should therefore win but if the Welsh loose forwards do their job well and another the English halves, then the game could very easily go the other way.

The fact that neither side has played before, as a team also leaves a lot to conjecture, but on the whole the England side should have the lion's share of the play, and emerge the victors.

Definitely this is a "muss" for all rugger fans and they will find the trip to the Police Recreation Ground well worth their while, and should see two first class games.

My Best Golf Shot

A 100-1 Slice Came Off For Richard Burton

Supreme moment in the golfing life of Richard Burton (Coombe Hill) came with a three at the 18th hole at St Andrews, which won him the 1939 Open Championship from American Johnny Bullis by two shots.

This, however, did not provide his biggest thrill. It was a 100-1 shot in a London tournament the same year. He recalls:

"The most thrilling shot, and the one I remember best, was at the 400-yard 8th hole on the Moor Park High course.

"My drive was sliced; finished behind trees. A No. 4 iron could have got the ball over them but not on the green—a probable 6."

"So I decided on a 100-to-1 shot and it came off. I sliced a brassie shot almost half the circle round the trees."

"It was no half-hearted effort. The ball whizzed its way to the green and finished 5ft. from the pin. Down went the putt for a 3. This enabled me to tie for the £300 first prize with Alf Padgham."

"Later, I had an almost identical shot at Oakdale, Harrogate. This time I 3-putted."

COMFORT

Week-end golfers who fall with their drives can find comfort in these opinions of Burton:

"The driver is too uncertain for week-end golfers. Many would get better results if a brassie were used from the tee."

"They try to manoeuvre the ball with a driver. With the straight face, they have no chance. The margin of error is greater."

"On the average, club players do not lose length with a brassie. They gain by being down the middle."

James Goodfellow

(London Express Service)

PIRIE TRAINS SUCCESSOR

Wonder runner Gordon Pirie is busily engaged training his possible successor — 17-year-old Laurie Reed. Reed is Junior Inter-Banks Cross Country Champion and over the same course Pirie won the senior event in only 1 min 43 sec better time. Reed is consistently returning better times than Pirie did at his age five years ago and Pirie says Reed can outstrip him.

In the Scottish side we have Ebo as hooker and this should give the Scottish backs the greater share of the ball from the scrum, and with Craig at the base of the scrum the threes can depend on a good steady service.

The Scottish threes are very fast and provided a certain one of them watches his passing, they should do very well.

Nicholson and McIlroy can always be relied upon to take the ball well upfield and Moore in the centre has been playing very well of late.

This should also be a close game and it could well be that Scotland might just fall again what is said to be a very rugged bunch of players.

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By Order,

H. MISA,
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NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

SIXTH RACE MEETING

(The programme will consist of 18 races)

The First Bell will be rung at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 12:00 Noon. The fifteen interval is after the Fourth Race (1:30 p.m.). On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1:30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11:45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$30.00. Through Tickets received for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Thursday, 21st December, will be sold and the reservation, cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 1st Day (1st January) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearson Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
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By MAX TRELL

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"Well," continued Christopher, "I had come out here yesterday afternoon, just after the sun had set and the sky was beginning to grow dark. I sat myself down right here and was just taking out my guitar, for I was going to sing a few songs to myself, when all of sudden I heard a 'whispering' behind me."

"A whispering, Christopher?" said Knarf.

Pleasant Whispering

"A very pleasant kind of whispering," nodded Christopher Cricket. "It was a whispering sort of whisper. For a minute I thought it was somebody singing behind me... singing a very gentle song. I looked around. I didn't see anybody and yet the whispering 'that sounded like a song' still kept up."

"But who was it?" asked Handi.

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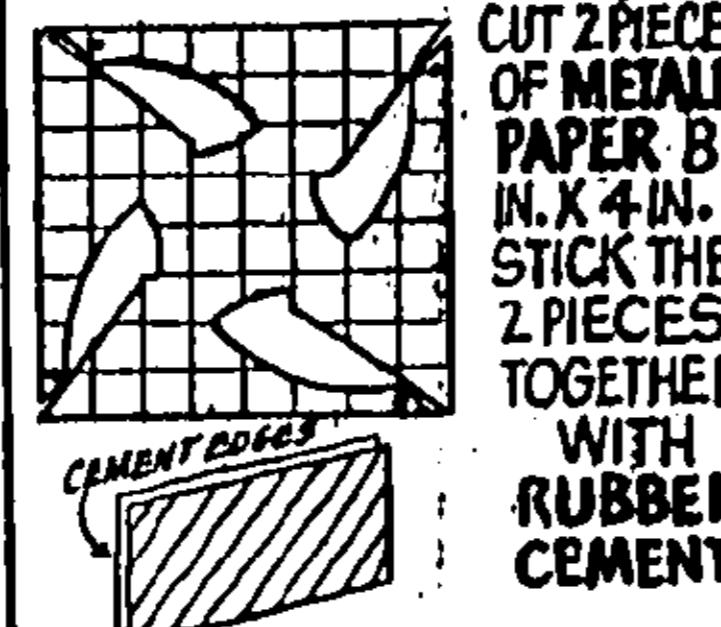
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Early Bush Pilots Were Daring Men Who Chased the Unknown

By ERNEST S. KELLY

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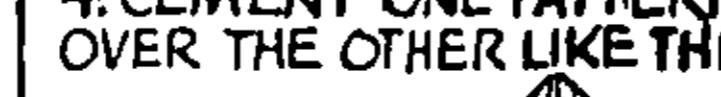
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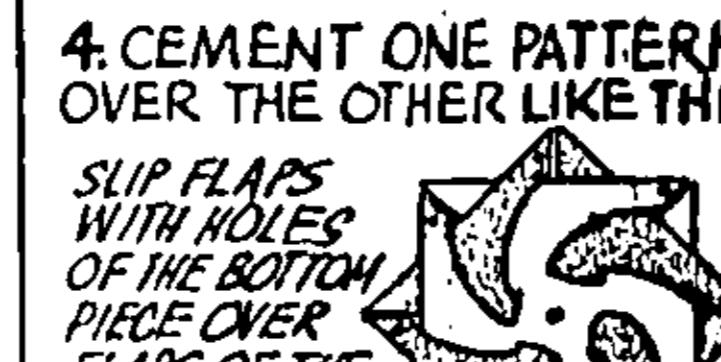
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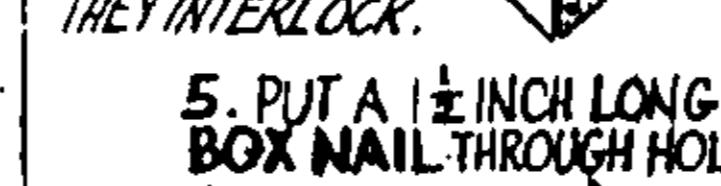
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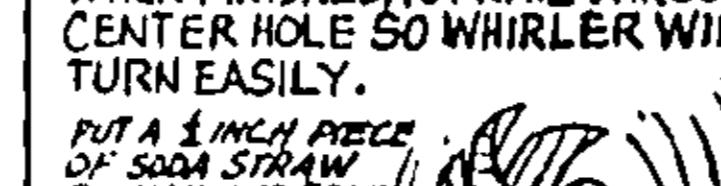
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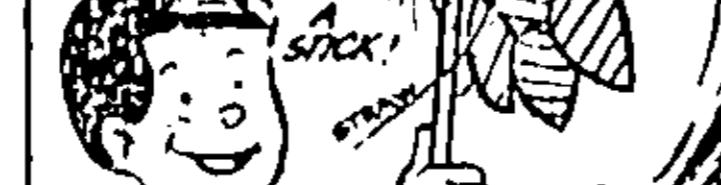
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CANADA'S bush pilots are a legend. Their skill and daring has made the name "bush pilot" as famous as that of Captain Kidd, Marco Polo or Columbus.

For like the earlier adventurers, Canada's first bush pilots headed out for strange, unknown and dangerous places. Flying filmsy kites, they soared over virgin forests and swift waters.

In 1919 pilots with war experience went home to Canada, looking for new jobs, and started exploring Canada's vast Northland. Before the advent of the aeroplane, the wilderness that is northern Canada could be explored only with great difficulty. Canada is a land of great wealth, but owing to its widely scattered population it wasn't truly opened up until the bush pilots took to the skies and chased the unknown.

Guided only by instinct and ordinary magnet compass, Canada's daring young men during the early 'twenties flew thousands of miles over swamp, prairie, mountain and dense forest.

They flew over uncharted rules of wilderness; through blizzards and sub-zero weather. They made rough landing fields, using sparse equipment. Their

cargo was the strongest ever carried by aeroplane—dog teams, complete with sleigh, traps, timber, bears, even wolf cub. Pilots always accepted passengers and loaded them as extra freight. One pilot even landed a full-sized portage canoe across his wings and flew it "in" for some stranded Eskimos. "In" means into the bush."

At one time over 60 bush aeroplanes were operated in Canada's Northland.

STILL DANGEROUS

THE modern bush pilot flies the most up-to-date planes. Still, he faces the same dangers and hardships as his pioneer brothers. World War II gave Canada another crop of adventure-seeking pilots, who, aided by the government, bought planes and started commercial airlines, hauling freight all over Canada.

Using floats, skis and wheels, the bush pilot of today brings in workers, supplies and dismantled machinery. Dynamite is an everyday passenger in the bush pilot's plane. They run mercy flights to aid hurt or lost trap-pers, miners and hunters.

Winter does not stop the planes, as skis have been devised that fit to the wheels and never have to be removed.

The planes, often having to fly where ice and drifting floes are encountered, have rubber shoes on the edges of wings and are inflated and deflated to break up ice that may gather on the plane.

Fire-fighting equipment is carried in every plane. Bush pilots count forest fires as their worst enemy. Bush pilots have been known to stop a profitable flight just to chip in and work for many weary hours to fight a fire.

Christopher Cricket Hears a Lie

—It was the Wind Who Told It to the Leaves—

By MAX TRELL

CHRISTOPHER CRICKET was shaking his head sadly. "It wasn't right," he kept saying to Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "It wasn't right to tell a lie like that."

Again Christopher shook his head, saying more to himself than to Knarf and Handi. "And I believed it, too. But it wasn't right, it wasn't right..."

By this time, Knarf and Handi were more than curious to know more particularly what had happened.

What Lie?

"What lie do you mean, Chris?" asked Handi. "And who told it?"

"I'll tell you the story from the beginning," said Christopher Cricket. So he sat himself down comfortably on a brown leaf under the maple tree, and began:

"It happened right under this tree. It's a maple tree. For the past few weeks, ever since the weather started getting cold (for the summer is nearly over and it won't be long before the winter comes), the leaves have been turning beautiful colours — purple, red, bright yellow, pink, and pale green."

"Well," continued Christopher, "I had come out here yesterday afternoon, just after the sun had set and the sky was beginning to grow dark. I sat myself down right here and was just taking out my guitar, for I was going to sing a few songs to myself, when all of sudden I heard a 'whispering' behind me."

"A whispering, Christopher?" said Knarf.

Pleasant Whispering

"A very pleasant kind of whispering," nodded Christopher Cricket. "It was a whispering sort of whisper. For a minute I thought it was somebody singing behind me... singing a very gentle song. I looked around. I didn't see anybody and yet the whispering 'that sounded like a song' still kept up."

"But who was it?" asked Handi.

"It was somebody you couldn't see," replied Christopher. "And the only one who whispers and sings a gentle song is the Wind."

Knarf and Handi were surprised. They smiled.

No Laughing Matter

However, Christopher Cricket shook his head. "It wasn't any smiling matter," he said, "or any laughing matter either. It was the Wind who told the lie, and I was the one who heard every word it said. And do you know to whom it told this lie? It told that was right."

the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter



Crippled Girl's Song Recorded

ONE of the most unforgettable sequences in the film, "The Robe," is the crippled girl's "Song of the Resurrection," which helps convert the tribune to Christianity.

This haunting song of belief is faithfully reproduced by Carole Richards in Decca's 12-inch long-play recording of the music from "The Robe." Alfred Newman, who composed the impressive score, conducts the Hollywood Symphony Orchestra.

Gordon Jenkins' newest and most ambitious composition is "Seven Dreams," now available on a Decca 12-inch slow-moving platter with Bill Lee and an excellent supporting cast. The most unusual dream comes around a cemetery caretaker's life among the "friendly dead."

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• JACOBY
ON BRIDGEThis Hand Played
With Real Skill

By OSWALD JACOBY

TO-DAY'S hand was played by Ed Burns, of Minneapolis, one of the great bridge stars of America. Ed made his skin contract, seeing only his own hand and the dummy. Many fine players who have seen the hand can't work it out even seeing all the cards.

Burns won the first trick in his hand with the ace of clubs. East discarded the deuce of spades. Declarer continued with his three high spades, and West discarded a diamond and a heart.

Now Burns led a low club towards dummy. West had to put up the ten of clubs since otherwise dummy would win with the eight of clubs, and West would eventually be put in the lead with a club in order to lead away from his queen of diamonds.

When West put up the ten of clubs, declarer won in dummy with the king. He cashed his king of spades, discarding the

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Both sides vul.			
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3 N.T.	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
6 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ Q			

small diamond from his hand. West temporised by discarding a second small heart.

Now South returned to his own hand with the ace of hearts and cashed the king of hearts. West couldn't afford to throw a club, so he had to throw a second low diamond.

Now Burns cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a low club from his hand towards dummy's eight. What could West do?

If West played low, dummy would win with the eight of clubs and cash the jack of diamonds. If West stepped up with the jack of clubs, he would then have to lead away from his seven-five of clubs to declarer's nine-six! Either way, Burns was sure to make his contract.

You don't often see a fine problem hand dealt out in actual play — and played with such skill and assurance.

CARD Sense

—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1 N.T. Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-10-9-8, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds A-Q-6-4-3, Club 6. What do you do?

A bid four spades. Slam is extremely doubtful in view of your partner's minimum rebid. It is better to make sure of getting to the right game contract than to risk getting to some unnatural contract. If a misunderstanding arises through your attempt to bid a slam bid, then

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just unanswered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-8-7-3, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds A-Q-6-4-3, Club 6. What do you do?

Answer on Monday.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . BY STELLA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

BORN today, you are so self-assured about everything that you are apt to get a little cocky unless you are careful. True, self-confidence is warranted, since you do have a great deal of strength of character and usually know exactly where you are going. But let others toot the horns! You will be more popular if you are a little more humble about what you say do.

You have terrific energy and appear to have never known what fear is. You will tackle anything, provided only it is something you are personally interested in. You are seldom interested in the warmed-over ideas presented by others. You have to be the instigator of the action. But once you have started something and committed yourself to a project, you let nothing stand in your way of accomplishment. However, you may find it necessary to learn a little more co-operation with others if you are to reach when the world calls a success — that is, if you acquire much material wealth. Start new jobs in March or November, for those seem to be your most productive periods.

An early marriage will probably bring you the highest degree of happiness, for to you a large family circle is one of the most important things in life. You have a magnetic personality and will probably have more than one romance before you select your marriage partner.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A wise choice today may in seeking recreational relaxation, don't neglect the spiritual pattern for future progress. Make exactly the right side of your nature which is also very important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — You can really relax tensions today and store up energy for the future. Seek spiritual guidance. If perplexed,

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — There is a chance for accident today. Join a group of friends in some social event appropriate to the while travelling. Stay alert: day. Expound your horizons.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) — LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — There is a chance for accident today. If you have been worried recently, probably your troubles are solved by now, so rest and special pleasure today. Visit relax tensions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — Make this literally a "do nothing" day. See how fast and mentally and you will find your spirits revive under a little calculated laziness!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — If you have been neglecting your church affiliations recently, this would be a good time to mend your habits.

BORN today you are a natural business executive. You know how to take care of large-scale planning; to delegate detail work to appropriate people; and how to get a good profit from your enterprise. You will find that Saturdays and Tuesdays are your best days for starting a project. Optimistically looking to the bright side of everything, your positive nature seems to attract success.

You have a magnetic personality and people are attracted to you wherever you go. You have a gregarious nature and are not happy unless you are surrounded by your friends. Do not try to live a solitary life for you will not be content. Wed at an early age. This will bring you emotional security and leave you free to embark upon your career activities without continual emotional turmoil.

You are mentally alert but sometimes your nervous energy exceeds your physical stamina. You are apt to burn your candle at both ends and unless you learn to relax tensions, you are likely to have a setback in your health at some critical period in your life. Get as much outdoor exercise as you can. Don't cut your sleeping hours too short or you will have to pay up! Although you do your best work in urban environments where there is a lot of excitement, you should occasionally retreat to the country for rest and relaxation.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 11

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Important documents. Keep advantage today if you can overcome an undercurrent of resistance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — If signing a contract, make sure that you read all the fine print. Be careful about all the details.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — If making plans to redecorate your home, you might consult an expert, if unsure of exactly what to do.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Diplomacy may win a major battle for you today. Headlong slugging will get you exactly nowhere. Be politic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Be alert to all innuendos and look for underlying motives in any suggestion or opportunity offered you today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Don't take anything for granted. Make very certain of all your facts before you act on anything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Energy will bring its own rewards today. Use your initiative, too, in solving a knotty problem.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — If a happiness that you are seeking is not forthcoming, it should bring you what you most desire.

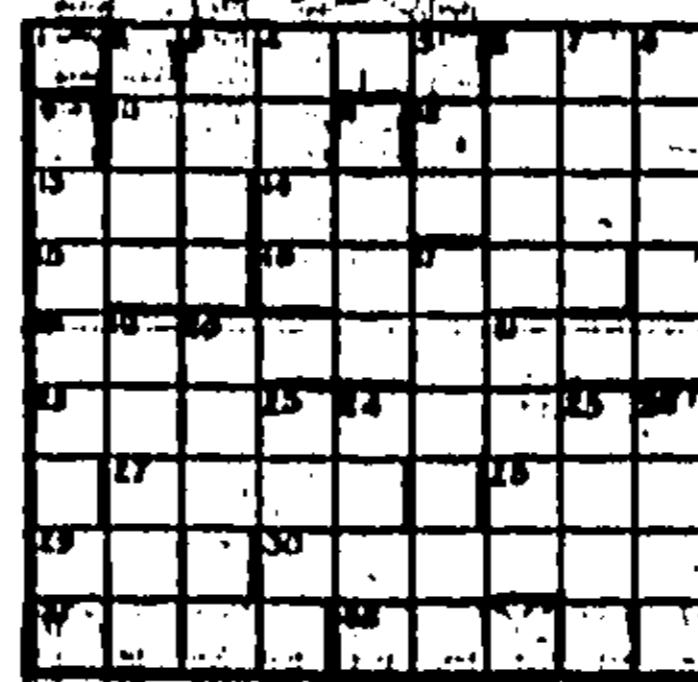
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DUMB-BELLS



Crippled Girl's Song Recorded

CROSSWORD



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Is Russia Dumping Her Goods In Europe?

Corpse Was A Dummy

Chicago, Jan. 8. The police hurried to investigate a report of a "dead man in a car" and ended up handing out a parking ticket. The "dead man" was a clothing store dummy left in an auto which was illegally parked.—United Press.

US Third Div. Will Stay In S. Korea

Washington, Jan. 8. The American Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, today denied a report that a third American division would be removed from Korea. It would not be back for "a long long time."

Mr. Wilson said no consideration was being given to taking back five American divisions in Europe and he did not know where the two divisions, which would be withdrawn from Korea had been sanctioned, would be stationed.

The Secretary of Defence added that the Joint Chiefs of Staff knew of no plans for altering the disposition of American troops in Europe and he knew nothing of reports that certain American ground forces would be stationed in the Saar.

The reduction of America's armed forces, he continued, had taken into account both the development of new weapons and the improvement in the international situation. Evidence of such an improvement, he pointed out, had been provided by the end of the fighting in Korea, the reinforcement of Atlantic Pact defences and the progress achieved in the economy of Europe.

The fourth Forrestal class aircraft carrier (80,000 tons) would be built sooner than had been originally planned, but that it would not have atomic engines.

Savings in military expenditure for the current fiscal year may amount to \$1,000,000,000. The army would be maintained at 21 divisions and the air force would include 115 air groups by next July 1. Instead of the 110 groups as originally planned, there would be 121 air groups by June 30, 1955. He added.—France-Press.

Queen And Duke Walked Up The Main Street

New Plymouth, New Zealand, Jan. 8. Queen Elisabeth's journey through the "Garden of New Zealand" today was marked by the most informal occasion of the Royal tour so far.

It happened when, when she left the red and white train at Stratford, last stop before the Happy East-West rail crossing of the North Island, ended at this port on the Tasman Sea.

The Royal couple walked for 10 minutes along Broadway, Stratford's main street, through cheering crowds packed 15 deep. On their way to a dolls for presentations, the Queen walked with the Major, Mr. N. H. Moss, and the Duke of Edinburgh followed with the Mayores.

Today's 100-mile trip from Palmerston North, to New Plymouth through rich pastoral land, was a repeat of the triumphant first day of the "whirlwind" tour.

Excited children led the cheering and flag waving. In New Plymouth tonight, the Royal couple made two balcony appearances at the Criterion Hotel in response to chants from crowds below of "we want the Queen"—"We want the Duke."—Reuter.

Vienna, Jan. 8. The Austrian Red Cross has been informed that the Czechoslovak Government intends to release eight Austrian citizens on January 16. These eight Austrians have been imprisoned in Czechoslovakia since 1948. Altogether 79 Austrians are reported to be detained in Czechoslovakia.—France-Press.

UNDERBIDDING THE WEST WITH IRON, GRAIN & OIL

London, Jan. 8. Russia is fiercely underbidding world market prices in an apparent "bargain basement" drive to bolster trade, authoritative sources said today.

Latest Soviet metal sales in Britain and in West European countries have been well below world price levels, they pointed out. Russian prices for cast iron supplies in West Europe have been reported as much as 20 per cent below those of the West European Steel and Coal Pool.

Britain's deal with Moscow for pig iron and manganese supplies, disclosed here yesterday, was also understood to have been concluded well below world market prices.

In recent agreements with other countries, even though she is apparently short of it, Russia has offered grain at \$83 per ton compared with the \$10 last year, according to latest reports.

Petroleum prices have also been reduced. Russian petroleum price tags are reported now based on the "minimum" Mexican Gulf price instead of an "average" Gulf price last year.

Experts said they are as puzzled about this development as they are over most of Moscow's recent trade moves, including the arrival of more than \$125,000,000 worth of gold in Britain and in West European capitals in the last two months.

They believe it is all part of the Kremlin's campaign to accumulate reserves of Sterling and other foreign currencies, including the hard Belgian franc for her own purchases.

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Lobster Shells May Help Cancer Patients

Ottawa, Jan. 8. Canada's fishery scientists are developing a new cancer treatment from lobster shells—the same shells that may soon provide thread for nylons.

D. S. A. Beatty, chief of the Government experimental station at Halifax, said a cheaper way had been found to extract D-Glucosamine hydrochloride from lobster shells.

GH is a chemical that arrests the growth of certain tumours in mice. The station processed 13,500 grams of the substance and turned it over to Montreal General Hospital for medical research.

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No Ill Effects

Berne, Jan. 8. Cat as well as dog meat is sold legally for human consumption in some Swiss Cantons and does not appear to have any ill effects, the Federal Council said in reply to a Parliamentary question.

Russia is also stepping up some types of her orders in Europe and in the British Commonwealth.

She is understood to be buying more than jute, wool and to a lesser extent rubber as far as it is available under existing security limitations. She is also ordering small ships in Britain, Belgium and Scandinavian countries.—United Press.

Patient Kills Doctor

Cagliari, Sardinia, Jan. 8. A policeman fatally wounded a doctor here today while being treated by the physician for a nervous affliction.

As the doctor was giving the policeman an injection, the latter pulled out his revolver and shot him. The doctor died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

The policeman gave himself up to the authorities and said he had fired at the physician because the injection he had received had not cured him.—France-Press.

BOYS AND GIRLS SOLUTIONS

MEANINGFUL WORDS: 1—Cricket, 2—Well, 3—Score, 4—Plant, 5—Pitch, 6—Bill, 7—Leaves, 8—Can, 9—Seal, 10—Yard, 11—Train, 12—Right, 13—Pound, 14—Spring, 15—Meat.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

EXCITING DAY

FIRMLY, one morning, the old lady announced she was coming up to town. She lived in comfortable surroundings in the country, and did not often make such expeditions.

Gently the two of her three grown-up children who still lived with her tried to discourage her. "The crowds will be awful, mother," they said. "The trains at this time of year are impossible."

But the old lady was not to be put off by such scare stories. On the day appointed, she put on her best hat, her best black coat, and, feeling wonderfully adventurous and young, set off for the station.

The trains proved not to be at all as alarmingly full as she had been told they would be, and the London crowds, far from being frightening, were so colourful and gay that they made her feel a girl again.

MEMORIES

She had money in her bag—\$20—and in her head interesting ideas about buying a present or two for her children and their children.

She roamed through one big store after another, enjoying herself immensely. In one store she came upon a scent counter. She raised her head and sniffed, half closed her eyes and memories that the perfume recalled flocked in upon her. She picked up a bottle of scent and put it into her handbag.

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M.C.C. Lose Trueman: Jamaica, 187

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 8. The M.C.C. were 12 for one in reply to Jamaica's first innings score of 187 when stumps were drawn today in the final match before the first Test begins on January 15.

The M.C.C. suffered a blow during the afternoon when Freddie Trueman, their fast bowler, strained the Achilles tendon in his left leg. It is doubtful that he will bowl again in this match, but there is a good chance that he will be fit for the first Test.

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N. Z. 286 ALL OUT

Kimberley, Jan. 8. The New Zealand touring cricket team scored 296 and Canterbury West replied with one wicket for 18 on the opening day of their three-day game here. Top scorer for the New Zealanders were E. Dempster, 78, and R. Blair, 79. Spin bowler Jack Waddington took five wickets for 103 runs.

The New Zealanders made a poor start, losing six wickets for 90 runs. Both Dempster and Blair, who put on 135 runs in 87 minutes for the eighth wicket, played their highest innings of the tour in first class matches.

Dempster included a six and seven fours among his scoring strokes during a stay of just over two and a quarter hours. Blair hit a six and 10 fours.—Reuter.

NOT WORRIED

The French High Command, however, was not worried by reports of the arrival of heavy artillery as it was pointed out that all positions in Dien Bien Phu had been well dug-in.

But it was considered likely that the Vietminh commander would lay siege to the Franco-Vietnam stronghold with the use of modern weapons, rather than attempt to take it by storm. This immobilisation of several Franco-Vietnam divisions could, it was pointed out, open the way for a Vietminh assault on Luang Prabang, the capital of Laos.

Observers in Hanoi consider the situation to be "delicate" although no official comment is being made.—France-Press.

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In the dock, the old lady listened disapprovingly to all that was being said.

"In my day," said her looks, "people did not discuss the affairs of other people in public in this fashion."

"What would you like to say?" Sir Laurence asked her.

"Nothing, thank you," the old lady answered.

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